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# Public to discuss new offices

## Dr Farrant calls meeting over district council's plans for new premises

THE mayor of Dorchester is supporting a public backlash against the decision to spend millions of pounds of taxpayers money on new council offices in the town.

Mayor, Councillor Susie Hosford is just one of many who have been calling for a public consultation on the proposed £10.7

million redevelopment on Charles Street.

Despite continued assurances by West Dorset District Council that enough consultation has been carried out, hundreds of residents have voiced their displeasure at the perceived lack of transparency in the process.

The complaints have led

### By Paul Crompton

Liberal Democrat's West Dorset Parliamentary Candidate Dr Sue Farrant to call a public meeting later this month.

WDDC Leader Councillor Councillor Gould and the WDDC's chief executive, David Clarke are due to be invited said Dr Far-

rant. However, at the time of going to press Mr Gould said he had not received an invitation.

Dr Farrant said: "I've had hundreds of people across west Dorset saying this is wrong, we are struggling to make ends meet and the council wants to

spend huge amounts of money without consultation, and the majority of people are not convinced it's the right thing to do."

The sentiment was echoed by Councillor Hosford, who said she believed the town's residents were very angry about the plans.

"There are two things here," she said. "Firstly there is the issue of the new building being needed, and secondly, if accepted that the new building is needed, has there been enough information? If it's a good idea and what the options are."

"The problem is the public need to be involved and from the town's point of view the major concern is if the offices are built there's no guarantee ensuring the rest of the development goes ahead."

The council has been working on the Charles Street development for several years, and a decision was taken on the construction of new offices at the site in July 2009.

In response to complaints, Councillor Gould said: "In late January I received a small number of letters from local residents asking good questions about what is, after all, a high value and complex decision, with a number of linked positive spin-offs for the town."

"As a result the council recently held a press conference, again well covered by the press, to launch a video giving some basic facts about the scheme."

The proposed construction would include internal fitting out and new IT for the building, potentially saving taxpayers up to £160,000 a year and possibly involve a new town library.

Funding for the new project could come from the sale of the Stratton House complex, around £3.5million, and £3million reserves set aside for

works, requiring WDDC to find up to £4.2million.

District and Town Councillor Molly Rennie said she understood the position the council was in, with the old building costing lots of money to upkeep, but questioned the potential move of location.

"People cannot understand why the council is not moving onto a site with planning permission such as Brewery Square or Poundbury which has office accommodation going

begging.

"People cannot understand the logic behind it and the council should have the courage to face the public and answer their questions."

A video available at [www.dorsetforyou.com/charlesstreet/video](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/charlesstreet/video), giving some basic facts about the scheme.

The public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24th at the United Church on Charles Street from 6-30pm to 8pm.

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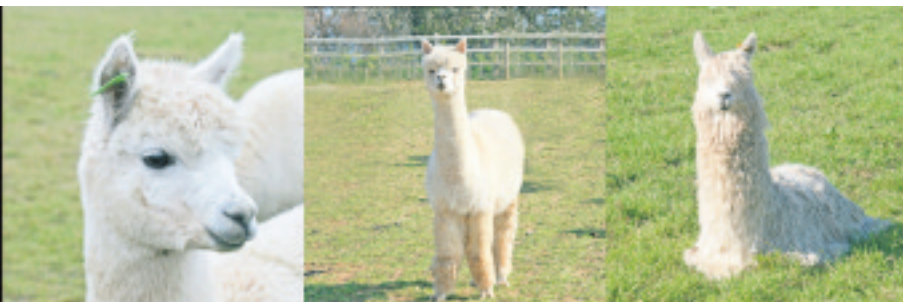
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## Death Notices

**YOUNG** – Elsie May. Passed away peacefully at Dorset County Hospital on 22nd February 2010 aged 92 years. Loving wife to the late Jack. Much loved mother to Martin and Celia and special grandmother to Gary, David and Lucy and great grandmother to Scott and Alex. Thanksgiving service will take place at Bridport United Church on Thursday 4th March at 12.00noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Bridport Stroke Club c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 91, East Street, Bridport.

**THAYER** - June peacefully on Saturday 20th February 2010 in the Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester, aged 77 years of Charmouth. Will be sadly missed by Brian, Philippa & Family. A thanksgiving service will be held at Axminster United Reformed Church on Monday 8th March at 2.30pm. No mourning please. No flowers please but if desired donations to Julia's House (Dorset Children's Hospice) c/o J F Clarke & Son Maryknoll, Lyme Street, Axminster EX13 5AU or at the service.

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**PHILOMENA** Harmsworth is one of many local artists working out of studios on St Michael's Trading Estate in Bridport.

Having been born in London, Philomena moved to Dorset when she was 13. After studying A-level foundation at the Camberwell College of Arts she completed her degree in technical art and theatre design before a successful career as an Art Teacher and Scenic Artist.

Her latest exhibition the "January Nudes" was held in Stoke Abbott last weekend.

### HAVE you always been involved with art?

Yes my whole life I was always drawing. I would come back from school and just draw and draw all evening. I always knew I was going to do art.

### WHAT does a scenic artist do?

I trained as a technical designer and I did a few design jobs for the theatre. I had to paint scenery, which was quite often backdrops and effects like wood effects and marble effects and things like that.

### WHAT shows did you work on?

I did a lot of TV towards the end. I worked on Eastenders, Have I Got News For You, Midsomer Murders. I did every series of Big Brother from when it moved to elstree studios. I worked on the film Sleepy Hollow. It's hard to remember it all now because it was a long time ago.

### WHAT were the most fun to work on?

The most fun has always been theatre, I loved that, which is weird because it's always the least pay, the worst hours and the dirtiest workshops. It was always the most creative jobs though.

### WHAT was the inspiration for your latest exhibition?

Life drawing is a discipline that every artist does and I love doing it. It was a result of a two week period of very intensive life drawing sessions in the morning and afternoon. The poses would range from short poses of two to 15 minutes to medium poses of 20-30mins and then long poses, if I were doing an oil painting or something. It was completely varied. I really liked the short poses because you can really just knock them out and lots of energy goes into it.

### WHAT is your favourite thing to paint?

Last year I was absolutely obsessed with landscapes and I just had to keep doing them and doing them. Then I was asked to do as a commission and I was sent off to Weycroft Nurseries to meet Veronica and her mad amazing nursery. I had a spate of being really obsessed with plants then. This year is going to change a bit because so far I have been doing paintings but now I am going to do pictures.

### WHAT is the difference between a painting and a picture?

It will be something where there is an idea involved with more philosophy behind the picture. Last year I was



doing landscapes and objects and it was just figurative painting so I was just drawing what was in front of me. This year I have some paintings that I want to do which I was dreaming up all last year and there are going to be a series of four which I am going to put into the Dorset Art Week.

### IS West Dorset a good place to gain inspiration?

It's fantastic, honestly if it wasn't for the setup down at St Michael's Studios, I just wouldn't have really known where to start down here. Everyone has been so helpful and welcoming. Everybody inspires you with their different styles and philosophies and what they're doing, but even down to really practical stuff like what framer to use.

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## WHAT is special about St Michael's?

Just the fact that it's a real centre, it's a buzz and it just gives you a place to go that's full of energy and there is so much going on there. The organisation of the open studios is fantastic as well, it's very professional. The building is beautiful and I'm sure people come to the open studios sometimes just to see what its like.

## WHICH artists inspire you?

Van Gogh has inspired me throughout my life. Picasso was a real innovator as well, every painting he did was like a new phase of art that people went through. At the moment I'm really mad for the futurists.

The futurists are an Italian lot, there philosophies are a bit funny and I'm trying to get through their manifesto. It's a bit strong, I'm not all for war and all that sort of thing but I love the art that came out of it, it was very revolutionary.

I suppose they inspired me before when I went onto to do film because they felt that art should have a purpose, so they went into sets and things but the actual paintings are just gorgeous.

## DO you think anyone can be an artist?

I think you can but you need to work really hard. You can definitely learn to draw and if you have the confidence to do it then you can do it. Especially nowadays it's about building pictures and it's more about a visual language.

You have Damien Hirst who pickles sharks and stuff, so in that sense, without being too cynical, anyone can be an artist. It's actually about using your visual language and saying what you want to say with images.

## WHO would be your three dream guests at a dinner party?

I hope it would not be to cliché to say Van Gogh but he is like a god to me. I'd love to meet Louis de Berniere who wrote Captain Corelli's Mandolin. I've just finished reading it so I could ask him all about it. He was down here last year for the literary festival. My third would be an astronaut. I don't follow them or anything but I'd like to speak to them to just see what its like up there in space.

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## Troubling future for environmental centre?

A CHARITY run centre in Toller Pocorum for children and young people with learning difficulties is facing a troubling future unless its courses are supported more.

A shortage of people taking the opportunity to attend environmental and creative courses at Kingcombe Environmental Centre could see the centre hit financial trouble.

The centre, which has been providing a safe space for children and young people to explore and gain knowledge about the outdoor world for 25 years, is now living "hand to mouth".

The centre's Sophie Franks said: "If we cannot get more support for the courses then we are in trouble."

"Maybe not at the moment, we've obviously been here for 25 years, but we are very much hand to mouth

**By Paul Crompton**

at the moment and would like to be in a better position than just covering costs."

The centre offers courses for all ages and abilities from day courses to week-long holidays with activities ranging from painting flora and fauna and fossil hunting to learning how to track and identify signs of animals.

The activities are divided into three strands: "Wildlife and Garden", "Creative and Performing Arts" and "Exploring the Past".

The Kingcombe Centre has three charitable aims: to raise natural environment awareness; give a safe space, to explore and gain knowledge about the out-

door world; and maintain the charity's 4.5 acre site for future generations and to form part of the Living Landscape, particularly its Site of Special Scientific Interest Meadow.

The Kingcombe Reserve is still managed as a working farm, grazed by cattle and sheep using traditional methods without artificial fertilisers, herbicides or pesticides.

Opened for the first time in 1988 by founder, natural history teacher Nigel Spring, who created an environmental studies centre and the Kingcombe Trust to oversee the activities of the centre.

For more information on the different available courses, read an overview and reserve and pay online visit [www.kingcombe.org](http://www.kingcombe.org) or visit Facebook and Twitter.

## Dave takes on marathon challenge in memory of sister

A DORCHESTER pensioner is set to clock up his age in miles when he takes on a two and a half marathon challenge in memory of his sister.

Sixty-six-year-old Dave Green is planning to walk 66.7 miles in just 24 hours in an attempt to raise funds for Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

The route, which begins at the Joseph Weld Hospice in Dorchester, will take him through Abbotsbury, Loders, Cerne Abbas, Whitcombe and Osmington on his way to the Wey Valley school.

Dave will be joined on the walk by 20 organisers of the "Dorset Giant 100km" (April, 24th-25th) who will be walking the route to check it out before their event.

Dave has decided to use this pre-event walk to undertake his challenge in memory of his sister, Annette Dering, who was cared for by Weldmar Hospicecare Trust during her struggle with cancer.

Dave's challenge will begin at 9am on Satur-



■ **MARATHON MAN:** Major Events Fundraising Manager Sue Leighton and Dave Green who aims to match his age in mileage

day, March 27th.

To sponsor Dave or to enter the competition to guess how

long it will take him visit [www.justgiving.com/ROUTE-66](http://www.justgiving.com/ROUTE-66).

If anyone would like to accompany Dave on his walk and raise their own sponsorship

then please contact the fundraising office on (01305) 215315.

## Promoting Dorchester

FOLLOWING an open forum held at the Dorset County Museum in October to discuss working together to promote Dorchester, a group has been formed to set up a Community Interest Company.

Many ideas were put forward at the meeting and many issues raised.

As a result of the meeting the group have set up an online diary for all event planners in Dorchester to use.

People can join the network and add their own events by visiting [www.promotedorchester.ning.com](http://www.promotedorchester.ning.com).

The Promote Dorchester Network website also gives members of the public the ability to put up notices, ask for volunteers, borrow items from each other and so on.

The Promote Dorchester Network is community-led and is open to the community/voluntary sector, local authorities and commercial event organisers in Dorchester and immediate surrounding parishes including Bradford Peverell, Charminster, Stinsford, West Stafford, Martinstown and Winterbourns Came, Herringston and Monkton.

One of their first projects is to work with View from Dorchester to produce an events magazine for Dorchester to include events being run between April and September this year.

Promote Dorchester plans to create a website where the public can enter their event details which they will then feed to other websites, such as social networks including Facebook and Twitter.

Promote Dorchester also plans to have a website purely for Dorchester events and to attract visitors to the town.

At the meeting, people also asked for a monthly printed "what's on" list, more town trails and a venues list.

Promote Dorchester has been given a grant of £1,000 from the Dorchester Business Improvement District (DBID) and they will be applying for further grants to carry out the work.

The committee is made up of local people including town crier Alistair Chisholm and mayor Susie Hosford.

They hope to hold open forum meetings regularly and involve all those who'd like to contribute.

## Dorchester rotary host table-top sale

DORCHESTER Casterbridge Rotary Club is organising a table top and bric-a-brac sale at the county town's United Church on Saturday, March 27th, from 10am - 1pm.

Admission to the sale will be free to the general public, but participants will be asked to pay £5 for a small table or £10 for a large one.

Rotarian Adrian Downton said: "We have organised this event to enable local charities and organisations to raise funds."

"All monies taken at the sale will be kept by those taking part. So far our numbers include individual families who wish to join in, along with the Dorchester and District Crime Prevention Panel, and the Dorchester Social Stroke Club."

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**Happy 13th Birthday**  
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## Crackdown on drivers who don't clunk-click

DRIVERS in Dorset were targeted by police last week as part of the Europe-wide TISPOL seat belt enforcement campaign.

Approximately 150 motorists were issued with fixed penalty notices for not wearing a seat belt, leading to a £60 fine.

The initiative ran from February 15th to the 21st in addition to 'No Excuse', the year-long Dorset Road Safe initiative enforced by Dorset Police.

Traffic patrols paid particular attention to detecting seat belt offences throughout the week.

It is estimated that across the

country around 300 people a year die in collisions who would have survived had they been wearing a seat belt.

Chief Inspector Bob Nichols from Dorset Police, Specialist Operations, said: "Unfortunately, a significant number of vehicle occupants continue to ignore this legislation and put themselves at unnecessary risk.

"Locally, a collision in north Dorset this week involved a rear seat passenger who was not wearing a seat belt, allowing him to go through the windscreen, causing serious injury.

"Fortunately, he missed the front seat passenger and driver who appear to have been belted in, and who sustained only minor injuries."

The 'No Excuse' project will continue to focus on those drivers, who persist in driving in a manner that is likely to lead to fatal or serious injury collisions.

The emphasis is on driver distractions (including the use of mobile phones), speed, careless and dangerous driving, drink and drug driving and seat belts.

The team operate primarily in unmarked vehicles across the county.

## Volunteers wanted for police campaign

YOUNG people and those from minority ethnic groups are among the people urgently being sought for a campaign by Dorset Police Authority.

The scheme seeks volunteers over 18 years of age, of good character and from all backgrounds for the role of independent custody visitor throughout the counties police stations.

The role involves visiting custody units to check on the welfare of people being detained to help identify problems so they

can be solved with the custody officer.

Chairman of Dorset's Custody Visiting Panel, Kathie Emery, said: "The job of a custody visitor is essential.

"This is an extremely important role that checks on the welfare of people who are being held in custody.

Two information events at the Conference Centre, Police Headquarters, Winfrith on Thursday, April 8th at 2pm and Monday, April 12th at 5pm will allow interested people to

find out more about the custody visiting scheme.

These events will enable those attending to speak to existing custody visitors about the role and how it fits in with their lifestyle.

People who are interested in applying can find out more or request an application pack by phoning 01305 223966 or by e-mailing the scheme administrator yvonne.fenwick@dorset.pnn.police.uk.

The closing date for applications is April 16th.



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# Writer joins fight to save manuscripts

THE drive to keep valuable Hardy manuscripts in this country and bring them to the Dorset County Museum is gaining momentum.

This is a collection of unique Hardy scripts, play scripts and stage set models collected by Thomas Tilley, stage manager for the original Hardy Players, which have come up for sale. The scripts date from 1908-1924, some containing hand written production notes, and include transcripts of twelve Hardy novels and short stories among which are *The Distracted Preacher*, *The Woodlanders*, and *Far From the Madding Crowd*.

With an asking price of £58,000, the Director of Dorset County Museum, Jon Murden, has already raised the grand sum of £43,000.

This includes a sum of £12,000 from the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council/Victoria and Albert Purchase Grant Fund.

As part of an effort by the New Hardy Players to help raise the remaining money, a unique interview has been filmed in the Dorset County Museum.

This took place in Hardy's study between well-known writer, actor and stage and screen director Julian Fellowes, and 104-year-old Norrie Woodhall the last remaining survivor of the original Hardy Players.

It was a very touching occasion, with Norrie talking about the transcripts, the Hardy Players, and what it was like to have been a part of Thomas Hardy's life. With Julian sensitive to



■ JULIAN Fellowes and Norrie Woodhall in Hardy's Study at the Dorset County Museum

## By Anita Harries

the importance of this interview and its implications, this will undoubtedly become a valuable, and much sought-after, archive for both this generation and generations to come. This interview will be aired during the forthcoming fund-raising event, "Hardy's Night - Chapter and Verse" to be held in the Victorian Hall of the County Museum on Friday, March 12th at 7.30pm.

This will be an enter-

taining mix of poetry, songs, music and humour, with the added bonus of Dorset apple cake and apple cider punch courtesy of The Octagon Café.

The event will also include an auction with an incredible array of lots including a book of poetry containing a signature by Thomas Hardy himself.

There is a chance to take tea at home with Norrie, and purchase never-before-seen photo-

graphs of the original Hardy Players.

It is also hoped that a DVD of the interview between Julian Fellowes and Norrie Woodhall will be available to buy on the night.

If you are interested to learn more about the evening, details can be obtained from the Dorset County Museum on (01305) 262735.

Tickets, at £12.50 each, can be obtained from the museum reception.

Donations can be made to the cause via Jon Murden at the Dorset County Museum.

# Occasional singers to perform at St Mary's

THE Occasional Singers are a Dorchester-based choir, whose membership is made up of local people and who raise a great deal of money for local charities.

They currently have two musical directors, Rick Birley and Richard Hall.

The choir originally came into being to perform a piece composed by musical director Rick Birley, but now include a wide range of choral music, both secular and sacred, covering many styles and spanning countless centuries, in their repertoire.

They also continue to stage many of Rick's own compositions, which are always a delight to behold, producing tremendous music from an incredibly talented man.

From time to time they team up with other musicians, one of whom is to appear alongside the choir in their coming concert

On Saturday, March 20th at 7.30pm, the Occasional Singers will be performing a programme of Rachmaninov's *Vespers* from his *All Night Vigil*.

They will be directed by Rick Birley, and joined by pianist Duncan Honeybourne who will play a selection from this great composer's Preludes.

The setting for this concert is St Mary's Church in Dorchester, a favourite with the choir due to its superb acoustics and beautiful surroundings. This is not to be missed.

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# It's a family affair for Dorchester girl guides'



■ FOUR generations of guides: Louise Woodrow surrounded by grand-mother Hazel Rawlings, great-grandmother Phyllis Knight and mum Sandra

GIRLS from the 2nd Dorchester Brownies and the 1st Dorchester Guides joined together as part of the girl guiding centenary year in a celebration at the Prince of Wales Pre-School in the county town.

Invited guests included past and present commissioners, the county

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archivist, and one very special guide from the 1st Dorchester unit. Louise Woodrow is the fourth generation guide in her family, along with mum Sandra, grandmother Hazel Rawlings, and great-grandmother

Phyllis Knight.

It was a unique experience watching the ladies re-take their guide promise in front of so many of today's Brownies and Guides, and gave this memorable occasion that special touch.

The evening began with new Brownies and Guides taking their promise and being enrolled.

District Commissioner and Guider-in-charge at 2nd Dorchester Brownies, Emily Cheeseman, said: "This is a really great opportunity for both sets of girls to get



■ 2ND Dorchester Brownies and 1st Dorchester Guides at their centenary celebrations

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# centenary celebrations

together and experience the enrolment ceremony. "This is always a special time in the life of a Brownie or Guide. It is made even more so because it is our centenary year and we have special guests attending."

A circle of first the Brownies, and then the Guides, formed around their new recruits, listening to them make their promises, and finally returning the salute.

Two young ladies, Kate Dunham and Lizzie Paul, had made their leadership promises on a ride at Disneyland, Paris during a recent trip, but had to wait until now to receive their badges.

Welcome cups of tea and coffee, accompanied by lemon drizzle cake and flapjacks, were followed by Brownie and Guiding activities to celebrate Thinking Day, the birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell the founders of guiding, which falls on February 22nd.

The year of centenary celebrations continues until October and will officially end at 8.10pm on October 20th - 20:10, 20/10, 2010.

Vision - the Centenary Finale will bring together all members of Girlguiding UK to share one moment in time. It will be a time to reflect on the fun of the last year, on what the Promise means to each and every one of them, and a chance to explore their hopes and dreams for the future.

If you would like more information on becoming involved with the Guides or Brownies, contact Emily Cheeseman on 07969 660473 or emily.cheeseman@hotmail.co.uk



MEMBERS of 1st Dorchester guides taking the salute



KATE Dunham and Lizzie Paul took their leadership promises on a ride at Disneyland, Paris



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# Silver surfers stay online thanks to BT

AGE Concern Dorchester has been involved in teaching computer skills since 2000 and has become the leader in computer tuition for older people in Dorset, with the emphasis very much on one-to-one teaching.

The service has grown from one volunteer, an old computer and many willing learners, to over twenty volunteers, more computers and an ever increasing number of people eager to take up the challenge.

Age Concern Dorchester now has a fully equipped Mouse House and Internet Café and for the second year running they are celebrating after receiving a BT Silver Surfers Grant.

They have been awarded £1,200 and two brand new laptops, which will help the charity expand its online archive, Dorset's Living Memories, and encourage many older people to surf the internet.

The Living Memories website, which was launched last year, already has more than 100 stories, memories and tales of by-gone days. There is also a collection of almost 200 rare photographs, all contributed by Dorset folk.

The aim of this project is to create an online archive of Dorset from the memo-



■ MARGARET Wellspring and Di Lawrence at the new laptops, watched by volunteers and contributors to the Dorset's Living Memories project

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ries and reminiscences of the people who spent their childhood, their working life, and now their retirement, across the county.

It is hoped this will be the most comprehensive record of the recent history of Dorset not written by historians.

Project manager Margaret Wellspring said: "Dorset's Living Memories is a good way of getting older people

interested in the internet, and if they see that technology can enhance their lives by having their stories on the web it will give them the impetus and the desire to find out more."

This sentiment was echoed by Di Lawrence, Age Concern Dorchester's new Chief Officer. She said: "The project

has touched the lives of many older people, giving them a sense of worth and a new way of sharing their memories with the younger generation.

"Receiving this award illustrates just how valuable BT feels this project is to the community by their continuing support."

Dorset's Living Memo-

ries is still open for contributions from anyone over the age of 50.

If you have a story to tell or some photographs or postcards to share, you can contact Margaret on (01305) 269444 or email her on [margaret@acdorchester.org](mailto:margaret@acdorchester.org).

The stories and pictures collected so far can be viewed on [www.acdorchester.org.uk/memories](http://www.acdorchester.org.uk/memories).

# Dads' fun day out with kids in Dorchester

THERE is an opportunity for all dads, granddads, uncles and male carers to bond with their children when Dorset County Council's Sure Start once again host "Dads' Fun Day" at St Osmund's Middle School, Dorchester on Saturday March 13th.

The aim of the event is to give dads and their children a chance to spend quality time together whilst enjoying a host of activities.

But it's not just the male species invited, as whole families are being encouraged to try their hand at drumming, fossil hunting, cookery, search and rescue as well as birds of prey flying displays and theatre stories and sports, crafts, toys and games.

There's even a baby's play area.

Emergency services will support the event by putting on displays.

Dorset County Council's cabinet member for children's services, Toni Coombs said: "Last year, more than 240 families attended the Dads' Fun Day.

"It was lovely to see so many fathers spending quality time with their children and having fun.

"I'd encourage families to come along and try one of the many activities on offer."

Fathers' outreach worker Jonny Hoskins, who is helping to organise the event said: "We put on events throughout the year for parents and children, but fathers often feel left out.

"This event helps us to put out the message that fathers are very important in their children's life and are always welcome at their local children's centre."

Entry costs only £1 per family and is available to children of all abilities up to the age of eight and runs from 10am until 3pm.

There are a number of events for dads and children running across the county at local children's centres.

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# Top advice from TV trader Conor



■ **CONOR** Woodman (centre) with (left to right) Roy Griffiths, David Pitfield, Paula Fry, Christine Collins and Guy Osmond at Kingston Maurward

THE world is your market - that was the message from global small trader Conor Woodman to around 150 Dorset business people at Kingston Maurward College, near Dorchester.

In 2009 Conor, disillusioned with his job as a market analyst in the city, decided to go back to the roots of commerce and see if he could make his way around the world trading goods at the most basic personal level.

The Channel 4 TV series *Around The World in 80 Trades* saw him sell his flat and haggle his way across four continents, buying and selling everything from horses and red wine to surfboards

and chilli sauce.

Despite some inevitable setbacks, he managed to double his £25,000 stake in five months.

At the Kingston Maurward event, which was organised by Business Link, he related some of his adventures and the lessons he had learned.

In particular, he said, his experience had convinced him that the growth markets in the newly-industrialised countries provide real opportunities.

"Try something new," he urged business owners. "It can go wrong, but there's also every chance that it can go right."



■ **SOME** of the cast of Charminster Parish Panto Players

## Panto cash for Haiti funds

CHARMINSTER Parish Panto Players raised £490 for Dorchester Casterbridge Rotary Club to purchase a Shelter Box to be sent to Haiti from their performance of *Itchy, Snitchy and Boo* at Charminster Village Hall. The shelter box contains tent accommodation and cooking equipment for 10 people for six months and includes thermal blankets and insulated ground sheets, a life saving means of water purification, basic tool kit.

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*Itchy Snitchy and Boo* is a Canadian children's story written in the 1970s by Florence Novelli and was directed by her daughter Sharon Ford who lives at Charlton Down.

This was the first panto performed in Charminster for 13 years and hopefully it now become an annual event.

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# One night of comedy a big hit



■ ALL three triplets discuss the future



■ HAM (Katie Davis) tries to get the better of sister Roberta

**D**ORCHESTER Arts Centre presented a wonderfully bizarre evening of entertainment entitled *Unhappy Returns*.

This featured two separate one act plays celebrating two very different birthdays, and

in two very different ways.

The first play, *The Triplets*, written by John Reason, told the story of a set of triplets turning 100-years-old. Waiting in the town hall to be presented to the Queen, each reacted in their own

## Review by Anita Harries

unique way to such an important meeting.

Obviously all suffering from dementia, the three actresses playing the sisters all put in great per-

formances.

Lee Stroud was absolutely superb as the somewhat overbearing Roberta, Anne Ottaway was brilliant as the more timid Pauline, whilst Katie Davis was delightful as the former beauty queen Ham.

Some of their lines were as strange as the characters themselves.

"I like killing mayflies. It's seasonal. I like anything that's seasonal", was delivered by the quiet and inoffensive Pauline.

"I want to sit in my rocker and go off my rocker", and "he put his hands all over my pianos, then asked me if I was musical", the list could go on and on.

Lee Stroud filled the stage as Roberta. So versatile and so commanding, the action seemed to revolve around her. Han spent ages trying to climb onto a table, hysteria broke out at the flashing of cameras and the sound of the band, and

the appearance of the Mayor added yet more surreal lines to an already extremely surreal situation.

Pat Beeson pulled off the role of the pompous civic leader to perfection, berating the triplets at their appearance and trying to instil in them the importance of the occasion. Plastic triplet badges had been made and distributed to all schools, shops were selling triplet Y-fronts, and a collection was being made for retired councillors. Classic!

The second play was equally as bizarre.

Bang, You're Dead, was described as a one act comedy thriller with a surprising twist.

The bewitchingly sinister Lydia, played by newcomer Georgie Willis, was desperately planning the murder of her wealthy husband Theo, her lover, Marcus, set to shoot the unsuspecting Theo during a burglary planned for that evening.

Theo was bringing his secretary home to celebrate her birthday.



■ ROBERTA (Lee Stroud) remonstrates with Pauline (Anne Ottaway)

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However, nothing went to plan.

The prim, proper and prudish secretary, Miss Trim, played perfectly by Maggie Ansell, also had some great lines.

Asked about her brother's health, she replied: "He was so relieved when his bells were finally re-hung."

This was comedy at its very best, as the plot twisted and turned in a short space of time.

Lover Marcus, played by Rob Sansom, shot Lydia in the burglary. It transpired that Theo and Marcus were also lovers, and then came a stage

kiss between the two that brought the house down.

Trevor Williams was amazing as Theo – I am running out of adjectives to describe these performances.

The not-so-hapless Miss Trim pretending to faint at the sight of blood, had in fact overheard the whole charade. Her price for not informing the police – Theo agreeing to marry her.

Brilliantly directed by Melanie Hooley in her debut for Dorchester Arts Centre, the whole evening was first class. The only criticism – it ended too soon.



■ LYDIA plots murder most foul with lover Marcus (Rob Sansom)

## Sign up for the Barnardo's Big Toddle

PARENTS and playgroups around Dorset have helped to raise more than £70,000 for vulnerable and disadvantaged children through the Barnardo's Big Toddle 2009, the charity's annual half-mile sponsored walk for under-fives.

The event attracted more than 15,000 participants across the region. In Dorset, more than 1,600 took part, with more than £70,000 was collected across the South West.

Organisers hope to see even more people signing up for this year's event, which will have a pirate fancy dress theme.

Barnardo's South West fundraiser Sara Cobbledick said: "We would like to thank all the under-fives who took part in the Big Toddle."

"Working together, we can help children to turn their lives around and fulfil their potential."

People can organise their own events throughout the summer, or join one of the official Barnardo's walks. Call 0845 270 9900 or visit [www.bigtoddle.co.uk](http://www.bigtoddle.co.uk). Last year Barnardo's South West supported 14,000 children and young people challenged by poverty, abuse, disability and discrimination.

Locally it is responsible for Sure Start-funded children's centres in Broadmayne, Piddle Valley, West Moors, Ferndown, Stokewood and Queen's Park – which are managed on behalf of the local authorities – as well as a Parent Support Adviser service in Poundbury, a Games, Activities & Play service in Poole and a local play ranger service.

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Visit [www.barnardos.org.uk](http://www.barnardos.org.uk).

## Property firm expands

A LOCAL property firm has recently expanded.

Bartle Pye Residential has expanded its team with the appointment of a new partner, Mariana Hardcastle.

She joins Phillip Rockford and Sue Burden in the Dorchester firm, which was established last year, building on the success of Bartle Pye's position in commercial property in Dorset.

Mariana, who has been a residential property consultant in Dorset for three years, began her career in London.

She was in the fashion industry before turning to estate agency – but took to property so readily that she was a branch manager before the end of her first year.

She was a consultant in several London boroughs, including Chelsea, and was involved with large-scale projects for developers in Bermondsey and London Bridge.

She said: "With over 20 years in the property industry, I came to Dorset with the intention originally of taking some time off.



■ MARIANA Hardcastle (right) with Sue Burden and Phillip Rockford at Bartle Pye Residential in Dorchester

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# Town youth arts project launched



■ COUNCILLOR Mary Penfold opens the proceedings

IN 2008 a review of the arts in Dorchester was launched by West Dorset District Council, in partnership with Dorchester Town Council and Arts Council England South West.

One of the key themes of the report related to the provision of arts for young people in the county town. A questionnaire was developed and the consultation process launched at the youth music event Anonymous 09 Festival held in Maumbury Rings last year, to gauge the views and feelings of the youngsters.

Small group interviews were also held with young people from organisations such as Dorchester Youth Club and Dorset V.

All of the information to come out of this consultation has been compiled by Keith Hatch, a local Youth Consultant, to form the Dorchester Youth Arts Consultation Project Report and Action Plan.

This report was launched during an evening of entertainment put on by young people at the Dorset County Museum.

Introducing the event, West Dorset District Councillor Mary Penfold said: "The arts can have a lasting and transforming effect on many aspects of people's lives. It is a vehicle for informal education, can improve our health both mentally and physically, can enable people

## By Anita Harries

to develop skills and express their creativity, and can revitalise towns and villages."

Keith Hatch ran through the main points of his report. He said: "Many positive thoughts and comments came out of this consultation."

"Young people have a real desire to volunteer to make things happen and make Dorchester a more vibrant town."

"There is a perception amongst many young people in and around Dorchester that there is nothing on in the town aimed at them, and that they have to go elsewhere to find the sort of arts events and activities that they enjoy."

The way forward will be to form a Dorchester Youth Arts Forum to take up many of the points highlighted in the report.

These include improving the links between various organisations, training young people in events planning and management, and helping improve their technical skills.

Some first class entertainment accompanied the launch, including performances from BBC Young Folk Musician of the Year James Findlay, Indie group Patchwork Mamouth and Dance company Distinction,



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# District and county councils agree tax increase

WEST Dorset District Council has set a council tax rise of one per cent for 2010/11.

A reduction compared to the original strategy of increasing council tax by no more than 2.5 per cent

in 2010 and 2011.

This means that from April 1st this year, the current charges of

£123.57 for a Band D property will increase by £1.23 to £124.80.

West Dorset District Council leader Robert Gould said the authority is trying to keep council tax bills as low as possible to help people cope during the recession.

For example, all charges in West Dorset District Council car parks are to be frozen next year.

At the full council meeting which set the district council's budget on Tuesday of last week, Councillor Gould said: "Our budget has three

major messages.

"Limit the council tax rise to one per cent to help residents in West Dorset weather the current financial climate, freeze general fees and charges for the same reason, and to make provision in our reserves to deal with expected cuts in government grants from 2011 onwards.

"We have worked hard to keep our finances strong, but we need to work harder to be ready for when it gets really tough next year.

"We are preparing to defend our services and

adapt to a radically changed public sector."

West Dorset District Council collects the whole council tax bill from local people, but only keeps around eight per cent of the total.

The rest is passed to Dorset County Council (£1,168.29 at band D in 2010/11), police (£180.00), fire (£60.39) and town/parish councils if they make a charge.

West Dorset District Council uses the money it keeps from the average bill to help pay for more than 70 services including refuse and kerbside

recycling collections, housing services and street cleaning.

Last month Dorset County Council members agreed on a 2.97 per cent increase for 2010/11.

This figure marks a smaller year-on-year rise for the third budget running, but will avoid the need to make significant service cuts over the next 12 months.

It brings the county council's charge for a band D property to £1,168.29 – an extra £2.81 a month.

In his budget speech,

county council leader Angus Campbell warned that with the UK facing an unprecedented annual deficit, the next few years would be "extremely testing" for local government and that significant change was inevitable.

But he added: "Such change is a huge opportunity to improve how things are done and to better serve those who depend on us."

The council has set a net budget of £278.4 million, an increase of 3.95 per cent on 2009/10.

## Why not try a mystery book?

BOOK lovers in Dorset are being challenged to take on a mystery title as part of World Book Day.

Selected Dorset County Council libraries will be running a lucky dip in store until Saturday, March 6th challenging readers to try out a mystery book.

World Book Day is tomorrow (Thursday, March 4th) and to celebrate each library will have a lucky dip box with envelopes containing anything from adventure, family stories and romantic fiction to crime, thrillers, science fiction and

non-fiction.

The book promotion is open to all adult members and non-members can join for free at any Dorset County Council library.

The county council are keen to get everybody reading and would like to remind those who are not up for the challenge that membership and borrowing books is free all year round.

Participating libraries in West Dorset include Bridport, Lyme Regis, Dorchester and Weymouth.

## Fire service to reduce footprint

DORSET Fire and Rescue Service are to spend around £150,000 in a bid to decrease its carbon footprint by 15 per cent in the next five years.

DFRS has launched its first ever Carbon Management Plan to identify a number of projects and initiatives that will achieve a carbon reduction and avoid more than £684,000 over the five year life of the plan.

The plan has been validated by the Carbon Trust and approved by

the Dorset Fire Authority and aims to look at the service's current carbon footprint and recommend ways to reduce it, whilst ensuring all actions generate realistic financial paybacks.

DFRS currently produces 1,918 tonnes of CO2 emissions as a baseline figure (2008/09) - through both buildings and transport.

Councillor Rebecca Knox, Dorset Fire Authority's lead member for environmental sustain-

ability, said: "Although this output is comparable with similar sized fire and rescue services within the South West region, we have made a firm commitment, alongside those neighbours, to reduce this within five years."

DFRS's three key focus areas are to strengthen their leadership of carbon management, to reduce energy usage by changing our ways of working, and to invest in energy efficiency measures.

## From St Helena with love

DORSET Fire and Rescue Service has been presented with a plaque of thanks from the fire service and people of St Helena after a fire engine was donated to the island last October.

The hand crafted wooden plaque, which is in the shape of St Helena, was presented to Chief Fire Officer Darran Gunter and chairman of the Dorset Fire Authority Chris Bulteel by Simon Martin, Law Enforcement Advisor for the Southern Oceans.

It depicts the Wirebird, a rare bird from the Plover family which is indigenous to the island.

Chris Bulteel, said: "We were very pleased to be able to offer this appliance to the people of St Helena.

"I understand that it has already been used on several occasions to support the

islanders in their emergency safety work.

"We are also delighted to receive this beautiful plaque which will have pride of place in our display cabinet at headquarters."

The fire engine which has hose, ladders and hydraulic cutting equipment on board, left Portland on the Royal Mail Ship (RMS) St Helena on October 1st last year.

The 14-year-old appliance, which formed part of the service's rolling replacement programme, was donated to the island as they lacked a suitable appliance for the type of incidents they increasingly have to attend.

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## View profile

## Joan's 'Potpourri of Poems'

FOR more than 20 years Joan has been known for her poems and her talks and readings have always proved popular in community halls across the county and further afield.

Despite her reputation it wasn't until her mid fifties that she first put pen to paper.

"This all started when my grand daughter, who is 31 now, used to come and stay and ask me to tell a story. She used to give me three totally unrelated objects and I used to make up these stories and she loved it," Joan recalled.

"I did actually write them down and send them off but it is a very difficult market to get into, writing for children. They didn't get anywhere but that did persuade me to put pen to paper and the poems were just kind of incidental to them at the time."

Joan began to write poems and verse for friends on birthdays and special occasions but it was at a low point in her life that poetry really

**IN venues across West Dorset JOAN ROBINS is considered to be the county's answer to Pam Ayres. Her witty poems take a sideways glance at the problems that affect the people of West Dorset and cover everything from the invasion of city folk to shopping trips to Marks and Spencers in Yeovil. After a 12-year absence Joan has decided to publish her third and final book of poems. Joan is best known for her playful poems but her latest collection, "A Potpourri of Poems", also highlights her skill at tackling the more sensitive subjects, in her most varied offering yet. Here she talks to TOM GLOVER about why this will be her final book.**

helped her through.

She said: "In 1989 my dad died and I wrote a poem for him which was really quite an emotional thing to do. All the time I was writing it I was in floods of tears. Lots of people from the family read it and I think it did us all quite a bit of good to actually express feeling in a poem."

"After that I don't know quite how it happened but one day I was just sitting quite quietly by myself and I suddenly had this idea of my first poem, 'over exposure', and from then on they just seemed to keep coming and I do not know how or why."

"I don't know where it comes from and I wonder why it didn't come to me

till I was in my fifties. I don't think it would have mattered if I started earlier, I don't think I would have ever been Pam Ayres."

But to many of her local fans that is what Joan has become and it was their encouragement that first made her decide to release her first book back in 1992. Especially members of the Beaminster After Eight Club, which she attended at the time, who were particularly keen to see her work published.

Joan said: "I was a bit funny about it at first because I do like to read them myself and I do think that poems need to be read aloud to get the full expression and it's quite cringe making if

somebody starts to read it and it's not how you want it to sound. It's terrible really but the trouble is I am so protective of them, they are like my children."

In 1992 Joan published her first book "Poetic Injustice" complete with illustration from her husband Dick. Joan had 500 copies printed at Creeds Printers and now just two remain.

There was an absence of six years before Joan returned with "Poetic Injustice 2".

A collection focused on Dorset and its changing seasons, once again illustrated by her husband Dick.

"I thought that was the end of it but just recently in November last year I suddenly said I want to do another book," said

Joan. "I'd still kept writing but I thought if I don't do it now then I'm not going to be able to do it anymore. I had got quite a lot of poems already to go and I wrote several more to go into the book."

"We decided to have a change of title this time and as it is a complete mixed bag I called it a potpourri of poems more easy to read verse and the inspiration behind some of it because some of them were inspired by different local people."

The latest collection features poems inspired by her local Bradpole Post Office, her two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels alongside her winning entry in the Dorset WI Poetry competition.

Despite her popularity Joan doesn't like the term "poetry" and takes great pride in the fact that her poems are to the point and rhyme in perfect verse.

She said: "I have found now that a lot of people say I love your poems because they all tell a little story, or

they're jokey, we can understand what it is your saying."

"Modern poets don't like things that rhyme and to be honest with a lot of them the message is not immediately apparent to a lot of the ordinary hoi polloi."

"There is a place for modern art, music and poetry but hopefully there is still a place for conventional poetry. They do all rhyme and I am not ashamed of that because I think people like them. The fact that the books sell is an indication in themselves that they are not bad."

Joan insists that at 75 this will be her last book but she doesn't intend to give up her readings anytime soon.

"I'm always happy to give talks and readings," she said. "I tend to start off by telling people how I came to write in the first place and then intersperse it with poems. Some people bring along poems and have a go at writing them themselves and it makes for a really nice evening."

"I think once I've writ-

ten the poem it's the reading which I enjoy most."

Joan doesn't like to take all the credit for her success and insists that her husband gets credit for his input.

"I feel sorry for my husband Dick along with my daughter and my sister. They get an earful and if they like my poems and they laugh in the right place I'm happy," she said.

"My husband will tell you that usually in the middle of the night I'll wake up with a good line and I'll scribble it down. I must say though that I am not alone, there are lots of people that write poems but I'm the only one who is conceited enough to think that other people would want to read them and put them in a book."

"A Potpourri of Poems" is available from various outlets in Bridport, Bradpole and Beaminster or direct from Joan on 01308 458428 or joan.robins@btinternet.com. Books cost £4.

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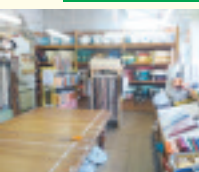
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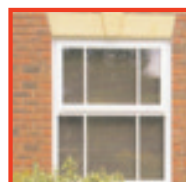
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It means being a competent cook is not just permissible but highly desirable, even for a generation who once so closely identified with the ultimate fictional 'single-ton' Bridget Jones - so lacking in culinary skills that her attempt to feed Mark Darcy ended in disaster. In September a film celebrating cookery - Julie & Julia, starring Meryl Streep - was an autumn box office success.

To emphasise this culinary trend: food blogs abound online; this year's UK Michelin guide awarded a record number of stars to women chefs; and UK catering schools are reporting a significant increase in the number of female

applicants.

Whether you aspire to become a domestic goddess or simply to cook more, a kitchen properly stocked with new equipment will certainly help.

Rather like buying new kit for the gym - wearing it makes you feel fitter despite the fact you haven't moved a muscle - a splurge on great new kitchen gear could inspire a cooking fest.

As leading kitchen designer Johnny Grey says: "Research tells us that we're happiest between 6-10pm at night, which is often when we're in our kitchens.

"Why not create a living space that extends this happy period throughout the day, making a sociable room that attracts and caters to all members of the family."

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"We're stunned at the popularity for coloured electrical kitchenware," says Paul Martin, a buyer at John Lewis.

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It may well be our recipe for comfort, as colour psychologist Angela Wright explains.

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## Dorchester restaurant receives Michelin Star

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The Sienna Restaurant, owned by Russell and Eléna Brown, opened in April 2003 and has gained a well deserved reputation for fine food and wine.

Russell Brown has been a professional chef for 15 years and prepares a menu of modern British

cuisine using good quality fresh seasonal ingredients together with fine wines and a friendly service. He ran a fishing tackle business before he started his training as a commi chef at the Alverton Manor Hotel in Truro, Cornwall. Russell was also made a Fellow of the Masterchefs of Great Britain in 2008.

The couple employ a full time commi chef and two part time waiting and washing-up staff.

Russell says, "You hope your cooking puts you in the ball park of getting a Michelin Star, and to most chefs it is almost like the Holy Grail" and continues "it is a huge achievement and great for our staff like young Hannah Edwards, our commi chef."

With its cream and natural wood colour schemes, Sienna creates a unique relaxing atmosphere that truly lives up to its name. It is open Tuesday to Saturday for lunch and dinner.

Visit the Sienna Restaurant website for a current menu listing and details on opening times at [www.siennarestaurant.co.uk](http://www.siennarestaurant.co.uk).

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## The Old Tea House

## Spooky company for high tea?

■ Built in 1635, this Grade II listed building is one of the oldest in the town and was the Abbot's residence. It has been a tea room since 1902 and has been superbly and sympathetically renovated by the current owners, Derek and Deborah Dalley, including the refurbishment of the old gas lamps which still work.

They also found a copy of the Abbot's Bible with a 15th century cover over a 12th century manuscript, lodged up the main chimney.

Derek is a chef and prepares most of the food which he tries to source from local farms and producers in the country. All of the cakes and scones are baked fresh every morning, and they serve good, hearty breakfasts from 7.30am to 10.00am.

As well as the traditional 'cream teas' there is always homemade soup of the day, a wide selection of sandwiches and hot baguettes and a daily 'specials' board.

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## Oak Tea Rooms

■ The Duke of Monmouth landed at Lyme Regis on the 11th June 1685 to challenge King James' claim to the throne, following the death of Charles II. He assembled an army in excess of 3000 men and marched to Sedgemoor in Somerset.

He was defeated by the King's army in less than a month. Around 1300 were taken prisoner. Five Judges came to Dorchester with the infamous Judge Jeffreys, whose reputation was that of the 'hanging judge'.

In September 1685, 312 cases were heard in the Oakroom at the rear of the Antelope Hotel; of these 292 were sentenced to death. Only 74 were executed, with 175 transported, 9 were fined or whipped and 54 were discharged.

Judge Jeffreys - having his eye on promotion - was later made Lord Chancellor.

When King James fell and William of Orange landed in Torbay, Jeffreys was captured and imprisoned in the Tower of London. He died in 1689

while awaiting trial, probably of natural causes. Rumours at the time said he has been poisoned while in the Tower and that his body had been returned to Dorchester and walled up in the Courtroom - now the Oakroom.

This 17th Century Oak panelled room has been carefully restored to maintain its character and original features.

Today it is called The Oakroom and is a delightful tearoom, with a peaceful, tranquil atmosphere, replicating the style and service of a Lyons Corner House.

The Oakroom of today serves a variety of light meals throughout the day, lunches and of course, Dorset Clotted Cream Teas.



## La Caverna

■ Housed in the cellar of a former grain store in Icen Way, La Caverna is a family-run restaurant that offers a unique dining experience.

"The Cav", as it is affectionately referred to by its staff and many regular customers, was established in 1993 by Franco Saluci and his wife Alison. Over the last seventeen years they have built up a loyal and regular customer base thanks to Franco's unerring ability to produce delicious, well-presented food, and the warmth and efficiency of Alison's front-of-house staff, together with the cosy and intimate surroundings.

The walls of this cellar restaurant are adorned with murals depicting the Creation of Adam and others from Michelangelo's paintings in the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

Franco himself hails from the south-western tip of Sicily, a region renowned for its robust, fresh food; his extensive menu features recipes handed down from his mother and other relatives, as well as more traditional Italian food and some modern dishes devised by himself, with much of the food locally sourced.

For anyone who appreciates good, honest food and friendly service, this restaurant is well worth a visit. La Caverna is open Monday-Saturday 6.30pm-10.00pm.



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## Dorset County Museum

### New exhibition opens

■ A new exhibition opens at Dorset County Museum on Saturday 27 February and runs until 24 April. Entitled Dorset Footprint, it showcases recent works by Dutch artist, Peter Ursem who has won wide acclaim for his distinctive woodcuts, lino cuts and wooden-gravings of the Dorset landscape. In Dorset Footprint, Peter depicts the landscape as seen on foot; undeniably the Dorset landscape has left its impression in his work and being. This is a sales exhibition and entry is free.

You may have read about the great efforts being made by Dorset County Museum and others to raise funds to buy a collection of rare Hardy Manuscripts. On Friday 12 March at 7.30pm The New Hardy Players are presenting a special evening of entertainment at the Museum as their contribution towards the fund. As the manuscripts include some detailed accounts of Thomas Hardy and his work with the original Hardy Players, the event will be particularly poignant and Norrie Woodhall, the sole survivor of the original Hardy Players, will be taking part in the evening, health permitting. The event, entitled Hardy's Night: Chapter and Verse, will include poetry, prose, music and humour. Tickets cost £12.50 and include Dorset apple cake and apple cider punch.

Finally, for those interested in the UK's amazing marine environments, there will be a presentation entitled Our Changing Seas on Friday 26 March at 7.30pm. Emma Rance, Marine Officer of the Dorset Wildlife Trust, will be talking about how our seas and sea life have changed in the last few centuries. Tickets for this talk cost £5 and are available now from the Museum.



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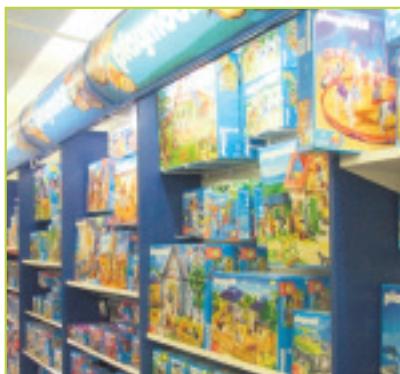
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## THEY'RE GONNA BE IN BRIDPORT

The Proclaimers and Billy Bragg set for Bridport charity gig

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## View 2 Music

## A forgotten legend

PETER Green. How many of you know that name? Probably not as many as, say, Eric Clapton or Jimmy Page, but Green is as good - if not better - as any guitarist to come out of the British blues explosion in the Sixties.

There certainly wasn't any doubting the audience at Exeter's Phoenix Arts Centre on Saturday night knew who he was. For they witnessed a show that - not that long ago - no one could even dream would happen.

Life didn't work out as well for Green as it did for his now legendary contemporaries. There was a time when Peter had the world at his feet. He had it all; the looks, the voice and most definitely the sound.

His guitar playing was lauded by all his peers with, perhaps, his greatest plaudit coming from blues icon, B. B. King, who said: "He has the sweetest tone I ever heard; he was the only one who gave me the cold sweats."

Green made a name for himself playing with John Mayall's Bluesbreakers before going on to front the original Fleetwood Mac (long before the pop fueled sound of Rumours) when they were the quintessential British blues-rock band.

Although Peter is still hailed by aficionados of the blues, he certainly doesn't have the status he deserves. But that's probably for the best. He couldn't handle the acclaim he received at the time, and bowed out of the spotlight before he could secure the iconic status of his peers.

He was diagnosed with schizophrenia and spent time in psychiatric hospitals undergoing electroconvulsive therapy in the mid-1970s. After threatening his accountant with a shotgun in 1977, he was sent to live in an institution.

Although he made a brief comeback at the end of the decade, he had a relapse in 1984 and didn't attempt to truly get his career back of the ground until the late-1990s.

Peter is now with a new group he put together last year, and that was the band that played Exeter at the weekend. Unfortunately, I can't report on the entire show as the group didn't make it on stage until gone ten-to-ten, and I had a train to catch at 11pm!

But just to see Peter Green perform in the here and now felt like a near miracle. And the adulation and love he received from the audience was a privilege to witness.

However the mark of his drug-addled youth was clear for all to see. Peter barely looked at the audience - let alone spoke to them - for the entire show. He left the banter to his excellent rhythm guitarist and front man, Mike Dodd.

But Green's guitar playing is still phenomenal, even though I couldn't see any of it (Peter played the whole gig sat down with a stand holding the lyrics completely blocking my view!). His voice is also surprisingly strong, with age perhaps making his vocal sound even better for singing the blues.

It's no greatest hits show, with the set list focusing on fresh renditions of Peter's personal blues and soul favourites, and you have to make allowances - like at a Brian Wilson gig - that you should just think yourself lucky you've been given the opportunity of spending an evening in the company of a true great.

This is a man who replaced Eric Clapton in the Bluesbreakers at the age of 19. Wrote the likes of 'Black Magic Woman', 'Man Of The World' and, of course, 'Albatross'. Whilst his contemporaries have made millions and continue to sell out arenas all over the world, Peter's content to be playing to loyal but small audiences in arts centre venues around the country. And for that, we should be thankful.

by James Coles



**STILL SINGING THE BLUES** | Peter Green still has the ability of a blues legend, if not the stage presence

## SINGING FOR REPRIEVE

LEGENDARY scottish pop-folksters The Proclaimers will be joining forces with local political punk-rocker Billy Bragg for an incredible one-off charity gig.

The gig, at Bridport's Electric Palace, is in aid of legal action charity Reprieve. The charity uses the law to enforce the human rights of prisoners, from death row to Guantanamo bay.

The concert takes place on Friday, March 26th, and tickets (£25) are available from Bridport Tourist information centre (01308 424901).



## Earthquakes, geology and geography exhibition

WHILE Sherborne House is still unavailable as an exhibition venue, Sherborne House Arts is continuing to stage exhibitions in Galleries and Arts Spaces across the region. Its most recent collaboration is with Bridport Arts Centre which is hosting Earthscapes: Geology and Geography. This show capitalizes on the resurgence of interest in landscape-based work rising out of current concerns for the environment, global warming and the erosion of the coastline around the UK. In work ranging from painting and photography through to land art and environmental projects, six artists explore their relationship with the land. Some big names in the contemporary art world are showing alongside work of considerable local interest. Richard Harris, who makes large-scale environmental sculpture will provide visitors with their first opportunity to view his models for the Weymouth Relief Road commission. Harris has been working closely with Skanska who are developing the road and has proposed a sculpture which will create a dramatic sense of arrival into Weymouth. He plans to use the excavated stone from the deep cutting which has been carved into South-down Ridge, re-positioning a number of the larger stones. The stones will rise above the ground on both sides of the road along curved lines which

follow the geological strata.

Devon based artist Tania Kovats will be showing a sculpture which relates to Tree which was part of her winning commission for the Natural History Museum, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin.

Mariele Neudecker is probably best known in the UK for her striking condensed mountain, lake and forest landscapes in glass display cases, which were exhibited at Tate St Ives. These will be seen at Bridport in photographic form. Large format landscape photography by Stephen Vaughan and photographs of Kate Raggetts drawings on landscape using stones and fallen apples will be complemented by Bath-based Jeremy Gardiner's multi layered paintings which explore the geology of the Jurassic coast.

The programme includes Gallery Talks with exhibiting artists and a seminar which will bring together artists, geologists, landscape archaeologists and geographers. Please contact the Arts Centre for further details of seminar and talks.

The exhibition at the Arts Centre will run until March 27th. For more details call 01308 427183

## ReView: The Colour of Nonsense

THE fantastic Forkbeard trio of Ed Jobling, and brothers Tim and Chris Britton put on a mesmerising show full of exceptional visuals, clever audio effects and a captivating, humorous story at the Marine Theatre on Thursday (February 25th).

The semi-autobiographical tale was based around main characters Line (Tim), Scuro (Ed), and Splash (Chris) who all work at Cutting Edge Conceptualist art studio. There were various other larger-than-life characters, including villain Angstrom, brilliantly portrayed by both Tim and Chris, and agent Hermione, played by Tim, but also appearing through the use of excellent projection.

Line was a worrier who takes great pleasure in his comic book, creating near-to-life caricatures of the other staff at Cutting Edge Conceptualists. His character also doubled up on narration duties at times, which helped to explain the background of the characters well, and was nicely backed up with videos and slides. Tim's portrayal of the character was superb, and his timing was faultless, even during some clever crossovers between live action and recorded sound and video.

Splash was a tongue-in-cheek look at conceptual artists, rarely producing any substantial work and never finishing a project. Chris man-

aged to give the character a slightly arrogant, deluded side, whilst his dealings with his co-workers kept the character likeable, if not intentionally frustrating.

Scuro was a very interesting, slightly secretive character. He plays a much smaller role in the story, but Ed's portrayal gives a feeling there is more than meets the eye. With less dialogue than the other characters, his subtle facial expressions bring his character to life at times. Ed was also in charge of a lot of the important sound effects, including the buzzing of Cedric the fly, and voicing and controlling parrot puppet Dolly.

The story, set about 100 years in the future, was based predominantly in the artists' studio, and began with the artists working on individual projects for an upcoming show, 'The Colour of Nonsense'. The show is getting closer and closer - each character blissfully unaware of exactly how close the it is. The pressure heaps on the trio and they are soon pulled from the exhibition. All looks bleak in the office, and after getting hideously drunk, Splash makes an agreement with arch-nemesis Angstrom. The deal sees Angstrom commission a genuine invisible artwork, and if Splash fails, Angstrom would be given his prized aphid (the only one left in the

world!). Madness ensues, seeing the Cutting Edge studio reach new levels of success, the artwork going on display, and then a non-believing child pointing out that, in fact, it doesn't exist. Angstrom comes to collect his reward for the failings of Splash and co, but meets an unfortunate end thanks to Cedric the fly and Dolly the parrot.

'The Colour of Nonsense' is an intelligently thought out story with an interesting concept, which really does explore the themes mentioned throughout the story; basically that believing is seeing. The use of clever visuals and props, often simple, but always effective, kept the show engaging. The interaction between the cast members was smooth and the performances were believable, possibly due to the semi-autobiographical nature of the plot. The humour throughout the show really shined and is a testament to the writing skills of the team - the audience were frequently laughing aloud at the dry-wit and slapstick gags, and the brashness of talking parrot Dolly.

'The Colour of Nonsense' was the second show that Forkbeard Fantasy brought to Lyme Regis, and let's hope they'll be back sooner rather than later.

Review by Rob Larcombe, View2 editor



# THE WORLD AND HIS WIFE WILL BE THERE

FOLLOWING a West End run and successful tour of the UK, *The World's Wife*, the stage adaptation of Carol Ann Duffy's acclaimed poetry, comes to the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis on Friday 12th March.

Linda Marlowe performs *The World's Wife* which imagines the perspectives of the wives of famous men through the ages, whilst casting an astute glance over the modern world. Subversive, inventive and very funny, the verse cuts through boundaries between factual and fictional women to get under the skin of the women 'behind' great men, from Mrs. Faust and Frau Freud to Queen Kong and Mrs. Midas.

Carol Ann Duffy is a multi-award winning poet, playwright and freelance writer. Her work has the rare virtue of both being both literary and accessible and as a result is read and enjoyed by a huge numbers of the public whilst featuring regularly on university and school syllabuses and being critically and academically acclaimed. She is one of Britain's most loved and successful contemporary writers.

Linda Marlowe has enjoyed widespread critical success with her previous solo work including *Berkoff's Women*, which toured internationally and played West End seasons. She worked with Stephen Berkoff over a 25 year period playing leading ladies in his plays all over the world. This led her to perform her first ever



solo show, *Berkoff's Women*, for which she won the Whatsonstage Theatregoer's Choice Award for Best Actress. She has since performed her own work in the West End, on tour and internationally whilst enjoying many roles on stage and screen and directing award winning work. In this new show, her virtuoso performance style is poetically combined with Duffy's dark humour and acerbic wit.

Suggested age 14+

*The World's Wife* is being staged at the Marine Theatre on Friday March 12th at 8pm. Tickets cost £10, available from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138, online at [www.marinetheatre.org.uk](http://www.marinetheatre.org.uk) or on the door.

## Bridport Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert in Lyme

THE Bridport Chamber Orchestra will play their spring concert on March 20th 7.30pm at St. Michael's Parish Church, Lyme Regis in aid of the organ appeal. The orchestra conducted by David Price and led by Brenda Soothill, will be able to take advantage of the space from the recently re ordered pews at the front of the Church and also perform the Poulenc organ concerto with the wonderful new 3 manual Skrabl organ, played by Church organist Alex Davies.

Alex says he is delighted the orchestra will be playing at the Church in Lyme, it is the first orchestra to play there for many years and to be able to perform the Poulenc with the new organ is a thrilling prospect. The organ concerto written in 1938, has echoes of Bach, Mozart and the melodious Tchaikovsky. Poulenc combines both music of the Church and Fairground with his usual wit and high spirits and perfectly encapsulates 1920's Paris.

Another concerto to feature at the concert will be the "Celtic" by Dave Heath for soprano Saxophone. Soloist Alison Young will join the orchestra in this beautifully atmospheric music written in 1994 which is full of colour and melody a sound world not dissimilar to Vaughan Williams. The orchestra will also play Purcell - Chacony, Respighi - Ancient Airs and Dances, Mozart - Divertimento No. 1 in D and Finzi - Romanz.

Tickets Adults £10/8 children £5 on sale from Lyme Regis TIC on 01297 442138. See [www.lymeregisorganappeal.com](http://www.lymeregisorganappeal.com) for more details.

## AXMINSTER OPERATIC SOCIETY

AT the recent Annual General Meeting of Axminster Operatic Society held in the Conservative Club, David Swift and Andrew Moulding were unanimously re-elected as President and Vice President of the Society. A packed meeting was given details of the next production to be held in November 2010 which will be *Showboat* written by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II. *Show Boat* contains the best of everything - a great story, moving lyrics and music that is played and loved the world over including 'Ol' Man River', 'Can't help Lovin' Dat Man' and 'Why do I love you'. Nick Lawrence and Rob Preece, as director and musical director, are going to make this show one of the Society's best ever and to help raise funds for this ambitious show, the Society are organising a Barn Dance at the Guildhall on Saturday, 13th March with well known band Long Odds and Short Straws. The evening kicks off at 7.30 pm and costs £7.50 which will include supper and a bar is available. Tickets can be obtained from The Archway Bookshop 01297 33595.

## View 2 TV

# Cheryl cancels Ross interview

THE nation's favourite wronged woman Cheryl Cole has cancelled her appearance on Friday Night With Jonathan Ross

The singer and X Factor judge had agreed to be interviewed by Ross before splitting from her husband, love cheat Chelsea footballer Ashley Cole.

Cheryl was due to appear on Wossy's show on his March 12th show to talk about her solo career, conquering the US and her plans to start a family. She was also going to perform new single "Parachutes" from her album "3 Words."



**SENSIBLE DECISION** | Cheryl Cole has decided that a 'tacky' Jordan-style interview is out of the question

But since her marriage breakdown has hit the headlines, Cheryl is said to think an interview so soon after the split would be "tacky".

A source close to Cheryl was reported as saying: "It is something that Jordan would do and Cheryl does not want to do anything which would remotely mirror that woman."

"Cheryl cannot sit down and discuss the ins and outs of her marriage on telly in front of millions."

"She isn't remotely worried about Jonathan Ross, she can handle him, but she thinks it would be wholly inappropriate to go and sit on the sofa despite desperate pleas from the show's producers."

"Cheryl and her people are now considering her performing the song at the end of the show but there will be no interview."

The source added: "Should that go ahead, Cheryl may not even sit in the green room with the other interviewees like they normally do - she simply doesn't want to flaunt herself at this time."

Crack open a bottle of chardonnay and pull on your big pants because Bridget Jones could be on her way back.

This time, however, the fag smoking, wine swilling singleton is reportedly coming to the small screen.

Helen Fielding's Bridget Jones books spawned two hit movies and an Oscar nomination for Renee Zellweger as the titular heroine. Now there's every chance her success could continue thanks to a new TV deal.

NBC Universal has inked a deal with production company Working Title to start a new venture called Working Title Television. This opens up the possibility of television adaptations of the vast array of Working Title properties, which include Bridget Jones, Billy Elliot, Nanny McPhee and Shaun of the Dead.

NBC Universal, the company behind such US hits as 30 Rock and Saturday Night Live, announced the deal yesterday, stating that the move had been inspired by the success of NBC's exporting of some of its most popular US shows. Law & Order UK, a spin-off of the long running US series Law & Order, has drawn in audiences in excess of 5 million and is already shooting its third season.

Any adaptation that Working Title Television produces will first be made for American audiences, but it's hoped that they would then be exported, or remade, for other countries.

Could this mean we'll be seeing an Americanised Bridget Jones? Surely not.

by Philip Evans



**A NEW LIFE IN AMERICA?** | Could Bridget Jones be making her way to the small-screen Stateside?

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## View 2 Cinema

Burton's brilliance  
shines in 3D remake

TIM Burton's much-anticipated "Alice In Wonderland" (PG) is brought to our screens later this week.

The 3D Walt Disney re-make of Lewis Carroll's classic children's tale made a controversial name for itself before it was even released. Last month, cinema giants Odeon, Vue and Cineworld announced they would boycott the film, as Disney had shortened the time between cinema release and DVD release to just 12 weeks, instead of the standardised 17 weeks.

Fortunately, the cinemas have since retracted their decision, and the epic fantasy, described as "visually stunning", will be showing from Friday (March 5th).

The story follows 19-year-old Alice (Mia Wasikowska) as she returns to Wonderland for the first time since she was a young girl. She is reunited with old friends, including the White Rabbit (Michael Sheen), the Cheshire Cat (Stephen Fry), and the Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp), and begins a new adventure to end the reign of the evil Red Queen (Helen Bonham Carter).

The all-star cast also includes Anne Hathaway as the White Queen, comedian Matt Lucas as Tweedledee and Tweedledum, Crispin Glover as the Knave of Hearts, Christopher Lee as the evil dragon, Jaberwocky, and Barbara Windsor as Mallymkun, the Dormouse.

THIS week's releases also include psychological thriller "Case 39" (15) starring Renee Zellweger as social worker Emily Jenkins.

When the parents of 10-year-old eerily quite girl, Lillith (Jodelle Ferland), attempt to harm her, Emily becomes personally attached to a case for the first time. She invites Lillith to live with her until she finds an adoptive family, and the terror unexpectedly ensues...

*Released Friday, March 5th*

SUPERNATURAL action thriller "Legion" (15) stars Paul Bettany (A Knight's Tale, Wimbledon) as archangel Michael.

When God loses faith in mankind, he sends his legion of angels to begin the apocalypse. The future of humanity lies with Michael and a group of strangers brought together in a deserted American diner, which becomes the unlikely setting for a battle of survival.

*Release Friday, March 5th*

by Francesca Evans



**COLOURFUL CHARACTER** | Johnny Depp stars as the Mad Hatter in Disney's remake of Alice in Wonderland

CINEMA  
LISTINGS

**Lyme Regis Regent**  
Broad Street, Lyme Regis  
Tel: 0871 230 3200

Friday, Mar 5<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, Mar 12<sup>th</sup>

**Alice in Wonderland (PG)**

Fri: 17.15, 19.55  
Sat/Sun: 14.30, 17.15, 19.55  
Mon/Tue: 17.15, 19.55  
Wed: 14.30, 17.15, 19.55  
Thu: 17.15, 19.55

**Dorchester Plaza**

32 Trinity St., Dorchester  
Tel: 01305 262488

www.plazadorchester.com

Friday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, Mar 4<sup>th</sup>

**Alice in Wonderland in 3D (PG)**

Daily: 15.35, 18.10, 20.45  
Plus Sat, Sun, Wed: 13.00

**Percy Jackson The Lightning Thief (PG)**

Sat/Sun: 15.20

**Extraordinary Measures (PG)**

Daily: 17.50, 20.20  
Plus Wed: 12.50, 15.20

**The Princess and the Frog (U)**

Fri, Mon, Tues, Thurs: 15.50  
Sat/Sun: 13.20 only.

**Weymouth Cineworld**

New Bond St, Weymouth  
Tel: 0871 200 2000

www.cineworld.co.uk

Friday, Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, Mar 4<sup>th</sup>

**Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG)**

Fri-Mon: 14.00, 16.30, 19.00,  
21.30, Sat & Sun 11.30

**The Blind Side with Have Heart**

Sun: 14.00

**Extraordinary Measures (12A)**

Fri-Thurs: 12.50, 15.20, 17.50,  
20.20

**From Paris with Love (15)**

Wed & Thurs 18.30, 20.45  
Fri-Mon 13.10, 15.30, 17.50

**Leap Year (PG)**

Wed & Thurs 13.00, 15.20,  
17.40, 20.00

Fri-Mon 13.30, 15.50, 18.10,  
20.30 plus Sat & Sun 11.10

**Avatar 3D(12A)**

Fri-Thurs: 13.00, 16.25, 19.50  
(exc Mon 13.00)

**The Crazies (15)**

Wed & Thurs 13.20, 15.50,  
18.20, 20.50

Fri-Mon 13.40, 16.10, 18.40,  
21.10

**The Lovely Bones (12A)**

Weds & Thurs 13.30, 16.30,  
19.30

Fri-Mon 14.20 (except Sun),  
17.20, 20.20

**The Princess and the Frog (U)**

Fri-Thurs: 14.00, 16.20  
Plus Sat/Sun: 11.45

**Valentine's Day (12A)**

Wed & Thurs: 14.15, 17.15, 20.10  
Fri-Mon: 20.10

**From Paris with Love (15)**

Fri-Thurs: 18.30, 20.45

**Solomon Kane (15)**

Tue-Thurs: 18.40, 21.00

**The Wolfman (15)**

Wed & Thurs 20.30

**Alvin and the Chipmunks 2: The Squeakquel (U)**

Sat/Sun: 11.30

**Astro Boy (12A)**

Sat/Sun: 11.30

**Planet 51 (12A)**

Sat: 10.10

**UP (U)**

Sat: 10.15

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT  
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## A FISHY TALE

OSHIMA and the Big Sea, a story for children featuring puppets, sea creatures and live sound-songs of the ocean, is being brought to the stage of the Marine Theatre by locally based professional theatre company Angel Heart Theatre on Saturday 13th March.

With a growing reputation for lovingly-made puppets and engaging performances, Angel Heart Theatre offer this uplifting show for hearts young and old. A tale about kindness, trusting the unknown and dancing with turtles!

Oshima and the Big Sea tells the story of Oshima the fisherman, who every day goes fishing in his little tub boat. He hopes he will catch a really big fish...but he never does. Maybe it is because Oshima's pet frog, Ito, is always playing tricks. Or maybe Oshima is just too busy day-dreaming about what it must be like under the Big Sea. One day Oshima has a big adventure and gets the chance to find out.

Marine Theatre Creative Director Ian Stephens said: "We are trying to bring more work with a maritime theme to the Marine Theatre. It makes perfect sense, given the venue's proximity to the sea, and the Town's historical, cultural and ongoing relationship with it. Oshima sounds like a fascinating story for children, and I personally love theatre-making with puppets, so I'm really looking forward to the show."

This charming story is suitable for children of all ages.

Oshima and the Big Sea will be at the Marine Theatre on Saturday March 13th at 3.30pm. Tickets cost £6, available from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138, on the door, or online at [www.marinetheatre.org.uk](http://www.marinetheatre.org.uk).



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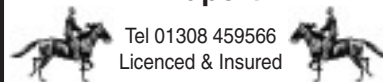
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# Diary Dates

**FRIDAY MARCH 5TH**

**BRIDPORT:** Working in a watery wonderland - DWT work in rivers & wetlands; an illustrated talk by Rachel Janes. From 7.30pm at Freind's Meeting House, South Street. Telephone 01297 560081 for more details.

**SATURDAY MARCH 6TH**

**WOOTON FITZPAINE:** A Charity quiz night in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance will be held at Wooton Fitzpaine Village Hall on Saturday, March 6th. The quiz has been organised by the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis. Tickets at £6 each include a hot supper and are available from Bill Taylor on 01297 560081 or any Lyme Regis Rotarian. Participants should arrive at 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

**BRIDPORT:** Follow the women - pedalling for peace in the Middle East 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, South Street. Telephone 01308 425684 for more details.

**TUESDAY MARCH 9TH**

**BRIDPORT:** Talk "Roman Invasion of Dorset & Roads". United Church, Main Hall. From 2.30pm. Telephone 01308 456876 for more details.

**FRIDAY MARCH 12TH**

**LYME REGIS:** Presentation: "A Tale of Two Coasts" by Mike Bolton. At Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details. Organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club.

**SATURDAY MARCH 13TH**

**CHARMOUTH:** Dance to One Night Stand at the St Andrews Community Hall. Licensed bar, 8pm til late. Admission £6 to include mini ploughman's. Proceeds to Charmouth senior citizens lunch fund and the Charmouth Community Hall. Tickets available from Fortnam, Smith and Banwell, Devonedge Hairdressing, the George or The Royal Oak.

**WEST BAY:** African Drumming Workshop from 2pm - 5.30pm at The Salt House. Organised by Good2Drum (Nick Blore) telephone 01308 420580 for more details.

**MONDAY MARCH 15TH**

**UPLYME:** Uplyme Ladies Group are hosting a fund raising talk for Shelterbox from 7.30pm at Uplyme Village Hall. For further details call 01297 631919 for more details.

**SATURDAY MARCH 20TH**

**BROADMAYNE:** Market 10 am - 12pm, St Martin's Community Hall Broadmayne, (Next to the Church) Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws, Cards, local trout, sausages and eggs, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Sylvia Dooley 01305 852886.

**BEAMINSTER:** West Dorset Music Centre concert at Beaminster School at 7.00pm. Telephone 01308 456297 for more details.

**MONDAY MARCH 22ND**

**WEST BAY:** St. Swithuns Band Concert, St. John's Church, West Bay, 7.30pm. Tickets £5, plus raffle available on the door and at Harbour Stores, West Bay. All proceeds in aid of Haiti Earthquake Fund.

**MISTERTON:** Easter Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors open 6.45, eyes down 7.30. Usual great prizes, raffle, tombola and light refreshments. Still only 50p book of 10 games. Free car parking. Enq. 01460 74982.

**FRIDAY MARCH 26TH**

**BRIDPORT:** The Proclaimers and Billy Bragg at the Electric Palace, Bridport from 7pm. Telephone 01308 424901 for more details. Organised by Reprieve Charity.

**MONDAY MARCH 29TH**

**MISTERTON:** Easter Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors open 6.45, eyes down 7.30. Usual great prizes, raffle, tombola and light refreshments. Still only 50p book of 10 games. Free car parking. Enq. 01460 74982.

**SUNDAY APRIL 11TH**

**BRIDPORT:** Wessex Military Band Spring Concert at Bridport Arts Centre from 6pm. Telephone 01308 425010 for tickets or more details.

**FRIDAY APRIL 16TH**

**BROADMAYNE:** Market 2pm - 3.30pm, St Martin's Community Hall Broadmayne, (next to the Church) Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws, Cards, local trout, sausages and eggs, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Sylvia Dooley 01305 852886.

**SATURDAY APRIL 17TH**

**TOLLER PORCUM:** "Spring Greens" - Foraging & Wild Food Course. 10.30am - 2pm. Contact info@hedgerow-harvest.com or visit www.hedgerow-harvest.com.

**SUNDAY APRIL 25TH**

**TOLLER PORCUM:** "Spring Greens" - Foraging & Wild Food Course. 9.30am - 5.00pm. Contact info@hedgerow-harvest.com or visit www.hedgerow-harvest.com.

# GOING FOR A BURTON

THE life and work of one of the most powerful actors and personalities of the Twentieth Century will be celebrated on stage at the Marine Theatre later this month. Playing Burton, a look at the life of the great Sir Richard Burton, comes to the Lyme Regis venue on Friday 19th March.

Directed by Burton's great nephew, Guy Masterson, Mark Jenkins' play was first presented in Edinburgh in 1994 to huge acclaim. It returned equally successfully to

Edinburgh in 1997 and 2007, and has since been produced around the UK and internationally. The actor who created the role, Josh Richards, has returned to it for the current tour.

From humble roots as the twelfth child of a drunken Welsh miner, Richard Burton rose to become the world's first megastar. Rarely out of the papers for three decades and infamously married to Elizabeth Taylor, the word 'paparazzi' was coined for them. But

the real Burton, little Richie Jenkins, was known only to a few. The great Welsh roaring boy, he appeared to waste his talent, squander his millions, and drink himself to an early death. He was the most nominated actor never to win an Oscar.

Presented in Burton's own words and those of the great writers he admired, the play reincarnates both the actor and the myth in a moving, powerfully charming, deeply profound per-

formance; an emotional helter-skelter ride through the life of a flawed genius. As it progresses, the production asks whether things have changed. As the audience witnesses this passion-fuelled genius crash to a vodka-sodden wreck, you will ask how steep the price is that we still demand our idols to pay.

Playing Burton is at 8pm on Friday 19th March at the Marine Theatre. Tickets cost £11 (£9 concessions), available

from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138, online at www.marinetheatre.org.uk or on the door.



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**Across**

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7. Lesser (5)
8. Worth (5)
9. Everything (3)
10. Wretched (9)
11. Expel (6)
12. Empty (6)
15. Praising (9)
17. Ancient (3)
18. Rapidity (5)
19. Bowl (5)
21. Accidental (12)

**Down**

1. Sleepwalker (12)
2. Tavern (3)
3. Annoy (6)
4. Opponent (9)
5. Extemporise (2-3)
6. Despondency (12)
7. A fruit (5)
10. Maltreat (9)
13. Decorate (5)
14. Fight (6)
16. Set on end (2-3)
20. Pose (3)

Last week's solution

**Across:** 4 Spectre; 8 Arrest; 9 Beneath; 10 Tether; 11 Esteem; 12 Vexation; 18 Vestment; 20 Entire; 21 Banana; 22 Baggage; 23 Rising; 24 Started.

**Down:** 1 Captive; 2 Pretext; 3 Assent; 5 Presents; 6 Create; 7 Rather; 13 Inveigle; 14 Ceramic; 15 Strange; 16 Intact; 17 Linger; 19 Tragic.

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**FREE View 2 West Dorset Diary Dates listings form**

Event .....  
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Organised by ..... Tel No.....

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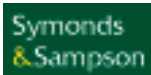
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## LYME REGIS - £345,000



- Entrance Hall
- Sitting Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Utility/Rear Lobby
- Three Ground Floor
- Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Further Bedroom And En-Suite Cloakroom
- Driveway • Garage
- Gardens • Swimming Pool

## LYME REGIS - £650,000



- Established guest house
- 1920's detached property
- Popular location close to the town
- Self-contained annexe / owners' accommodation
- 6 letting rooms with facilities
- Residents lounge and dining room
- Newly fitted kitchen with built-in appliances
- Breakfast room and sun lounge
- Sea and woodland views
- Ample parking and garage
- Front and rear garden
- Gas CH and Double glazing

## LYME REGIS - £25,000



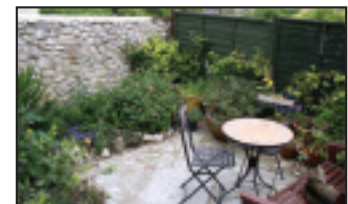
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## UPLYME - £235,000



- Period terraced cottage
- Accommodation over three floors
- Living room with wood burning stove
- Large lower ground floor kitchen/dining room
- Bedroom 3 / study
- Two first floor bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Courtyard garden

## ROUSDON - £685,000



- Reception hall
- Drawing room
- Dining room
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Utility room
- Study
- Cloakroom
- Four double bedrooms
- Two en-suites
- Family bathroom
- Double glazed windows
- Gardens
- Double garage
- Parking

## LYME REGIS - £327,000



- Entrance Porch
- Sitting Room
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Utility room
- Garden Room
- Enclosed Gardens
- Gas Central Heating

## LYME REGIS - £149,500



- Entrance porch
- Living room
- Two bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Shower room
- Parking

## RAYMONDS HILL - £395,000



- Individual detached property
- Recently extended
- Spacious & flexible accommodation
- Surrounded by large & level gardens
- Living room with multi fuel stove
- Study & conservatory
- Two downstairs bedrooms (1 en-suite)
- Three first floor bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Detached single garage
- Ample driveway parking
- Walking distance to local amenities

## LYME REGIS - £560,000



- Entrance hallway
- Cloakroom
- Study
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
- Utility room
- Master bedroom
- Four further bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Double garage
- Gardens

## UPLYME - £395,000



- Newly built detached house
- Living room with high ceiling
- Kitchen/ dining room
- Utility room
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## CHARMOUTH - £525,000



Detached individual versatile 3 bed property in elevated position with stunning sea views

- Entrance Lobby
- Utility Room
- Hallway
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Master Bedroom with En Suite Wet Room
- Double Bedroom with En Suite
- Lounge/3rd Bedroom
- Family Bathroom
- Double Garage
- Parking
- Panoramic Coastal Views
- All set in grounds of 1/3 of an acre.

## CHARMOUTH - £349,500



A well proportioned 3 bed period property near the centre of the village with garage and gardens

- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite Shower Room
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Southerly Garden
- Garage and Parking

## CHARMOUTH - £220,000



A unique quaint 2 Bed detached cottage set back from the road through a coaching arch in need of renovation

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two First Floor Bedrooms
- Small Cottage
- Style Garden
- Parking
- Close to the Village Centre and Short Walk to the Beach and Sea.

## CHARMOUTH - £415,000



Successfully run 6 bedroom holiday letting cottage with indoor heated pool, garage & parking.

- Large Double Ended Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Downstairs Bedroom
- Cloakroom
- Five First Floor Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Bathroom + WC
- Indoor Heated Swimming Pool
- Garage and Parking
- Contents included

## CHARMOUTH - £359,500



A modern 5 year old three bed detached house situated in an elevated position on the western side of Charmouth. Currently operating as a successful holiday letting business.

- Entrance Hallway
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Lounge
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite Shower
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Small Garden
- Parking Space
- Remainder of NHBC

## CHARMOUTH - £245,000

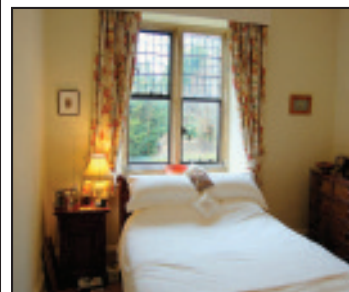


Originally the old Coach & Horses Inn, this immaculately presented and spacious first floor apartment, is within easy walking distance of the village shops and Charmouth beach.

- Entrance Lobby
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- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Parking

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## CATHERSTON LEWESTON - £285,000



A three-bedroom, freehold house forming part of the western wing of an impressive Grade II Listed Manor

- Entrance Porch
- Sitting/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Period Features throughout
- Garage
- Communal Grounds
- PANORAMIC Coastal Views.

## CHARMOUTH - £249,995



Secluded, recently delightfully renovated, period semi detached cottage with three bedrooms, conservatory, patio and garden.

- Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Bathroom
- Gas-Fired Central Heating
- Large Secluded Gardens
- Views to Stonebarrow

## CHARMOUTH - £110,000



Brand new 2 bed HOLIDAY LODGE located on popular coastal holiday park

- Open Plan Living Area
- Lounge
- Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
- Further Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
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- Master Suite with Dressing Room
- Gardens, Garage and Parking



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### THATCHED NEW HOME

Toller Porcorum £485,000 Freehold

- Village Location with Views
- Spacious Living Accommodation
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen and Laundry Room
- Gardens, Car Port and Parking



### IDEAL SECOND HOME

Preston £165,000 Leasehold

- Walking Distance of Beach
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Sitting and Kitchen/Dining Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Communal Gardens



### SHOW HOME WITH VIEWS

Crossways £250,000 Freehold

- Spacious Family Accommodation
- Four Bedrooms, Two En Suites
- Three Reception Rooms
- Gas C/Heating, Double Glazing
- Garage and Two Parking Spaces



### NEW INSTRUCTION

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- Detached, Thatched Cottage
- Three Bedrooms, one En Suite
- Three Reception Rooms



£480,000 Freehold

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- Double Garage and Parking
- Conservation Village



### WITH WOODLAND

Charlton Down £199,950 Leasehold

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- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom and Shower Room
- Fitted Kitchen/Dining Room
- Communal Grounds and Parking



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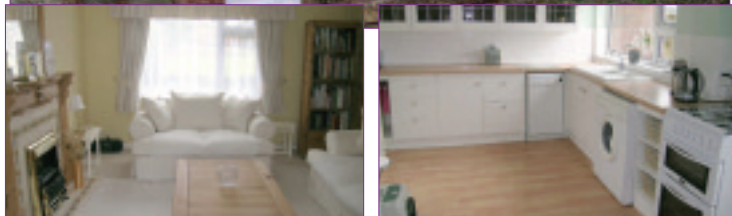
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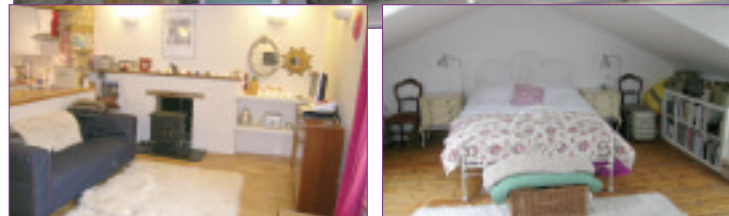
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BRIDPORT - £198,000



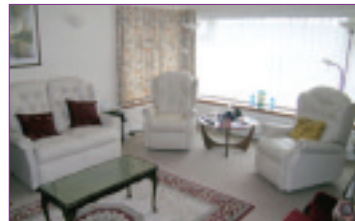
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Half a Mile to Town
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Large Garage
- Gardens Front & Back
- Very Well Presented

BRIDPORT - £199,950



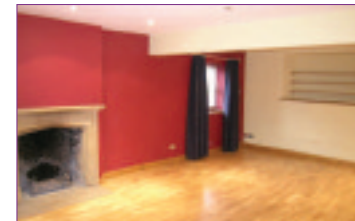
- Charming Three Storey Cottage
- About Half a Mile from Town
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Spacious Open Plan Living
- Open Fire in Lounge
- Garden to the Rear

BRIDPORT - £395,000



- Detached Home with Views
- 4-5 Bedrooms – Two En-Suites
- Lounge, Dining Room & Study
- Garage & Driveway Parking
- Large Garden with Summer House
- Tucked Away but Convenient Location

WINSHAM - £295,000



- Substantial Grade II Listed House
- Central Village Location
- 4-5 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
- Spacious Lounge with Hamstone Fireplace
- Bespoke Kitchen & Sep Dining Room
- Utility Room & Garden Room
- Courtyard Garden

SEATON - £205,000



- Modern Three Storey Town House
- Close to Sea Front & Harbour
- Four Bedrooms, Master En-Suite
- Kitchen & Lounge
- Small Garden & Parking
- Ideal Investment/Letting Property

SEATON - £225,000



- Modern Three Storey Town House
- Close to Sea Front & Harbour
- Four Bedrooms, Master En-Suite
- Kitchen & Lounge
- Conservatory & Garage
- Ideal Investment/Letting Property

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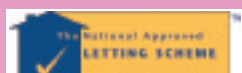


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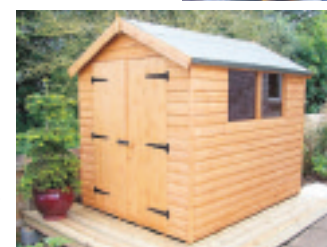
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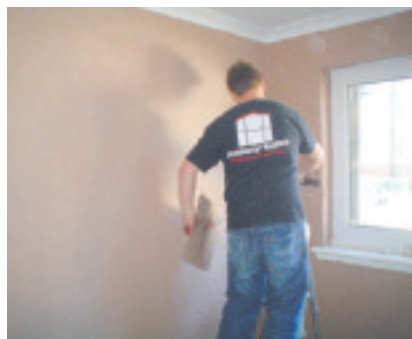
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## Aston Martin Cygnet concept: the luxury commuter car

**THE Aston Martin Cygnet Concept is a bold step towards a new form of transportation; the luxury commuter car, a form of personal transportation that sees the company's core values engage with a new environment.**

The Cygnet Concept enhances the marque, pointing to a future of ongoing innovation, design and technology; allowing Aston Martin customers a greater degree of freedom without compromising the levels of design, quality and innovation that embody the brand.

An Aston Martin delivers the pleasure and exhilaration of driving combined with an appreciation of craftsmanship, design and technology. But Aston Martin is also about innovation, forging new links and associations; and bringing the brand's qualities to new sectors of the market.

"Many of our customers have a need

for a small car for urban and city use," says Aston Martin Chief Executive, Dr Ulrich Bez, "The Cygnet Concept brings intelligence, innovation and artistry to the small car market. The Cygnet Concept represents the natural choice for those customers looking for a premium commuter car."

"Our past, our future and our backbone will always remain sports cars, but the Cygnet Concept will support this by offering our customers a greater degree of freedom in the urban context."

The Cygnet Concept is the result of a unique and intelligent collaboration, the coming together of two companies that are leaders in their respective fields. The project has required a close intellectual and engineering partnership, resulting in an inventive solution that unites volume and niche automotive engineering.

Aston Martin has always understood



the importance of an emotional engagement with its products. As the company continues to innovate and diversify its product portfolio, emotional design will remain at the heart of its strategy, be it through the exhilarating sound of a V12 engine, the unmistakable silhouette of an Aston Martin sports car or the quality, craftsmanship and skill that is evident in an Aston Martin interior. The Cygnet Concept exemplifies this latter attribute, demonstrating the high levels of detail design and craft that are integral to every Aston Martin, presented within a compact and highly advanced technological package.

The Cygnet Concept is a demonstration of Aston Martin's unrivalled skill at creating hand-crafted interiors. The rich blend of hand-stitched leather, Alcan-

tara and aluminium is shared with Aston Martin's sports cars. The company's extensive experience of traditional processes and richly detailed craftsmanship gives each Aston Martin a unique feel, bringing together detailed design work, high technology and exquisitely tactile materials.

As a luxury commuter car that can slip easily and unobtrusively into the city, the Cygnet Concept is a highly intelligent solution to urban mobility. Using tried and tested technology, together with Aston Martin's acclaimed levels of personalisation and customisation, material quality, craft skill and tactile delight, the Cygnet Concept is innovative and forward-thinking, a genuine solution for future mobility and a natural partner for Aston Martin's line-up of acclaimed luxury sports cars.

**What Car? reveals... 9% rise in car prices in past 12 months while discounts fall 13%**

**CONSUMER champion What Car? can reveal that car prices have risen by an average of 9% in the past 12 months, while discounts have shrunk by 13% at the same time.**

The good news is you can still haggle an average of £1699 off the list price of a car, although that's more than £200 less than the average discount ago.

Renault is currently the most generous manufacturer with an average of £2009 (13%) off its range, while Mini is the stingiest with typical savings of just £125 (1%) off its cars.

During the past year Ford has increased prices the most, with average increases of 14.7%, and a staggering 32.6% hike on a Fiesta 1.25 60 Studio 3dr.

'Price rises can be partially attributed to the weak value of the pound compared with the Euro, but we wouldn't be surprised if some makers are looking to recoup some of the cost of the scrappage scheme, too,' said What Car? editor Steve Fowler.

'Everyone's feeling the pinch at the moment, so it's more important than ever that car buyers do their research and haggle hard - never pay more than the What Car? Target Price. If a dealer won't play ball, leave your phone number with them and walk away. In my experience it won't be long before they call.'

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**VAUXHALL'S** new Meriva enters the UK market with aggressive pricing starting at just £15,495 OTR for the 100PS 1.4 S model, making it a highly competitive proposition for buyers in the compact MPV sector. Customers can order their cars from dealers today.

With a larger wheelbase of-

fering added practicality for buyers – especially those with young children – the Meriva has shifted out of the small-MPV and into the five-seat compact-MPV class, where it's set to raise the bar for innovation, thanks to standard features like FlexDoors and FlexSpace.

And no matter what the



model, the Meriva packs a long list of generous equipment. A CD 400 CD player with MP3 format and aux-in/USB, graphic information display, heated door mirrors, electric windows and electronic park brake means that no Meriva can be classed as 'poverty-spec'. But even in mid-range Exclusiv form, the Meriva gets air conditioning, cruise control, curtain airbags and the clever FlexRail storage/convenience feature, at a starting price of £16,650 for the 100PS 1.4-litre version.

But for the ultimate in MPV luxury, the SE model holds all the cards. Standard features

like a fixed Panoramic full-glass roof with electronic sunshade, dark tinted rear windows and front foldable tray tables on front seat backs will leave families wanting for little, though with a starting price of £17,430, it still offers excellent value.

Entry price for diesel models is £16,875 for the S trim 1.3 CDTi 75PS, and extend to £21,255 for the range-topping SE 1.7 CDTi 100PS automatic. From launch, all 1.7 CDTi versions will come with automatic gearboxes, with a six-speed manual becoming available soon after.

## DVLA celebrate 10-series success

**THE first day of March will be a date motorists will instantly be aware of... thanks to the 10 indicator encased in new style registrations.**

And with DVLA Personalised Registrations selling more than 9,000 since the 10-series were available to buy on December 1, 10s should be seen on virtually every street corner!

Those sold by the DVLA will, of course, be further boosted by those registrations automatically assigned to new cars and not purchased as private number plates.

Damian Lawson, DVLA Personalised Registrations' Marketing Manager, said: "The simplicity of adapting 10 into the new style registrations in order to make up a personalised registration like a family or company name has clearly proved to be successful."

Introduced in September 2001, the current style of registrations comprises two letters, a two figure age identifier, a space and three letters – 10 simply identifies new cars registered and released in 2010. The second releases of the year, on the road from September 1, will be identified by 60.

Indeed, the 10-series

has proved extremely fruitful to owners of Renault Clio cars, combining CL with 10 develops in personalised registration "language" CL10 – the closest combination to the actual spelling of the popular small family car.

One dealership in particular, Mackie Motors Renault of Brechin, north east

Scotland, seized the moment and bought three CL10 plates – CL10 YOU, CL10 MEE, CL10 NOW – for its fleet of courtesy cars.

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## New 'Ecodynamics' Kia Cee'd diesel has ultra-low CO2

TO SHOWCASE its 'EcoDynamics' range of fuel-saving vehicles, Kia Motors is revealing an 'ultra-low' CO2 version of its popular cee'd at the Geneva Motor Show. The new model achieves a significant 11 per cent reduction in emissions – down to just 98 g/km, com-

pared with 110 g/km for the current cleanest cee'd.

The five-door hatchback is powered by Kia's new 'U2' family 1.6-litre diesel engine, designed and engineered at Kia's R&D centre in Rüsselsheim, Germany and manufactured in Slovakia.

Cleaner, quieter and more fuel-

efficient this engine has the latest generation common rail diesel injection system and is fitted with a Variable Geometry Turbocharger.

Maximum power of 90 ps is produced at 4,000 rpm and maximum torque of 235 Nm is available across a wide rev band, from 1,900 to 2,750 rpm, for ex-

cellent drivability. More than 90 per cent of the maximum torque is available from just 1,500 rpm, for strong and smooth acceleration almost from idle.

In the EcoDynamics cee'd, the engine features improved engine mapping and fuel injection strategy with new software and is fitted with a variable water pump which absorbs less power, a high efficiency alternator with power-saving management system and a Diesel Particulate Filter.

Top gear ratio in the six-speed manual transmission has been raised by 12 per cent from 3.941 to 3.471 to 1, reducing revolutions at high speeds. Both the engine and transmission are filled with low-viscosity lubricants.

In addition to using the latest engine technologies to enhance efficiency, the EcoDynamics cee'd is equipped with a range of fuel-saving features.

Kia's fuel-stretching Intelligent Stop and Go system – that automatically switches off and then restarts the engine in congested city driving – now features optimised system logic. The electric power-assisted rack and pinion steering system requires just 2.69 turns of the wheel from lock-to-lock.

To encourage an economical

driving style, an Eco Driving Guide – a gear-shift up/down indicator – is displayed in the cabin. To improve the 4.26-metre long car's aerodynamics and lower its rolling resistance, a variety of measures have been adopted.

The suspension is lowered by 15 mm, a smooth under-floor is fitted together with airflow deflectors ahead of each tyre and a rear spoiler is positioned on top of the tailgate. Brake-pad drag on the discs is reduced and the 16-inch diameter alloy wheels are fitted with low rolling resistance 205/55 R16 Michelin tyres and are inflated to a higher pressure of 38 psi.

No on-sale date for the revised EcoDynamics cee'd has yet been confirmed.

Michael Cole, Managing Director of Kia Motors (UK) Ltd., said: "The current cee'd ISG has already attracted considerable attention in the UK thanks to its tax advantages for companies and for its low emissions. We are constantly monitoring demand in the UK market and we will be working with our colleagues at KME to bring this further developed technology to the UK at the appropriate time. We'll inform customers of developments on [www.kia.co.uk](http://www.kia.co.uk)"



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## ADVANTAGE PETHERTON

## ■ Beaminster title hopes dented ■

ARTHUR GAGE CUP  
QUARTER-FINAL

KEV Rowson's 12th and 13th goals of the season proved just enough to earn Perry Street Reserves an Arthur Gage Cup semi-final appearance following a 2-1 win over visiting Winsham United. Ollie Barrett bagged the Winsham consolation.

**Revised draw:** Perry Street Reserves v West & Middle Chinnock, Netherbury v Lyme Regis Reserves or Ilminster Town Colts.

## PREMIER DIVISION

SOUTH Petherton, in their first league match since early December, laid down a significant marker in the race for the 97th Perry Street League Premier Division title.

With Petherton, Lyme Regis and Beaminster seemingly head and shoulders above the rest of the Division, Saturday saw the first of the league clashes between the 'big three' as Petherton played hosts to Beaminster.

On a clawing Lightgate Lane pitch that hardly made for the free-flowing football favoured by both sides the first half-hour was reasonably even with both teams limited to half-chances. Beaminster skipper Murray Legg felt he had earned his team an 18th minute penalty but referee Phil Hartley waved away the Rainbows' appeals.

Hartley was quite correct in producing several yellow cards in the first period – indeed there were at least three players who can have considered themselves fortunate not to have received their marching orders from the official.

The deadlock was broken two minutes before the break when Rich Hebditch unselfishly squared for strike-partner Jodie Bovey to tap his 20th goal of the season into the empty net.

It could have been worse for the visitors but keeper Adam Herring made a superb point to deny Hebditch in first-half injury time.

Herring also did well immediately after the restart tipping a deflected curling effort from Hebditch round the upright.

The destination of the three points were effectively decided in the 65th minute by marauding Petherry defender Mark Tierney who linked well with Liam Murray before stabbing home off the post.

Two late strikes put the icing on the cake for the hosts who completed their ninth straight home win and a third triumph, in all competitions, over Beaminster. Murray squared for Hebditch to take his tally up to 24 for the season from close range. Deep into injury-time substitute James Cattigan headed home John Hayter's cross to leave the Rainbows, who failed to find the net for the first time this season, well beaten and in turn take Karl Diment's Petherton team back to the top spot on goal difference from their rivals. To help with the bulging fixture backlog the match also doubled up as a Crewkerne Charity cup quarter-final.

"We've no complaints, we were very poor" was Misterton manager Adge Diment's assessment of his side's 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Perry Street. Street, under the leadership of new manager Ian Hilton following previous incumbent Darren Pinney's resignation, had youngster Ben Stevens' double to than for their win which completes a league double over Missy for whom Jack Flatt scored the consolation.

Premier	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Petherton.....	9	8	0	1	45	6	24
Beaminster.....	10	8	0	2	44	12	24
Lyme Regis.....	9	8	0	1	25	10	24
Barrington.....	12	7	2	3	28	28	23
Combe Reserves.....	13	6	1	6	28	29	19
Ilminster Res.....	12	5	3	4	33	22	18
Merriott Rovers.....	10	6	0	4	26	26	18
Perry Street.....	13	5	2	6	28	42	17
Crewkerne.....	15	5	1	9	34	42	16
Misterton.....	12	3	3	6	20	26	12
White Horse.....	10	1	1	8	16	29	4
Charmouth.....	13	0	1	12	17	72	1

## DIVISION ONE

The league officials have been forced to recalculate the table following Merriott Rovers Reserves midweek withdrawal from the league.

The Merriott club, one of the oldest and most successful (13 Premier Division titles) in the Perry Street League are clearly having major problems behind the scenes – not least the fact that they will be unable to play at Newchester Cross next season due to the lack of changing facilities.

Guy Cossins, an ex-Merriott stalwart, was division leaders West & Middle Chinnock's Man-of-the-match between the sticks in the 2-1 win at Netherbury.

In-form James Sayers put the hosts

ahead with his sixth goal in four outings before Mark Cuff missed a golden opportunity to double the lead when he headed wide when well placed. Enter another of the league's top strikers – Ian Masters – who leveled on the hour and then pounced what proved to be the winner two minutes into injury-time with his 24th of the season.

On the downside Masters picked up an ankle injury which may see him sidelined at this critical time of the season. The win takes the Chinnocks back to the head of the table.

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W&M Chinnock.....	9	7	2	0	40	16	23
Farway United.....	8	4	3	1	18	10	15
Ilminster Colts.....	7	4	3	0	15	11	15
Forton Rangers.....	8	4	2	2	13	10	14
Netherbury.....	8	3	3	2	22	15	12
Winsham United.....	8	3	2	3	20	18	11
Chard Rangers.....	10	3	1	6	18	38	10
Perry Street Res.....	9	2	2	5	25	29	8
Pymore.....	7	2	2	3	11	18	8
Thorncombe.....	10	2	1	7	20	23	7
Lyme Regis Res.....	8	1	1	6	17	31	4
Merriott Reserves have withdrawn from the league and their record deleted							

## DIVISION TWO

DRIMPTON'S extended wait for a much needed win was stretched to nine games after a 4-2 reverse at Forton Rangers Reserves.

For the second week in a row the greens, who look increasingly like relegation candidates, blew a 2-1 lead and empty-handed. Chris Fowler, Barry Male, Lee Richardson and substitute Stuart Packer were on target for the Rangers who jumped a place to seventh.

Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwey Rise.....	12	11	1	0	37	14	34
Norton Athletic.....	10	8	0	2	40	19	24
Dowlish & Donyatt.....	13	6	1	6	42	37	19
Shepton Beauchamp.....	9	5	2	2	30	10	17
Hinton St George.....	12	4	3	5	30	24	15
Beaminster Reserves.....	10	4	2	4	19	23	14
Forton Reserves.....	10	3	3	4	17	21	12
South Petherton Res.....	11	2	5	4	26	21	11
Uplyme.....	10	2	2	6	16	29	8
Driffton.....	11	2	1	8	22	45	7
Chard United.....	10	2	0	8	14	45	6

## DIVISION THREE

MILLWEY Rise Reserves were outclassed at Slades Cross where Combe A completed a league double with a comfortable 6-0 triumph.

Bobby Ayers, Wayne Behan and

Dan Harvey all scored twice for the Saints who capitalised on what 'Rise Manager Stuart Ellis described as "frail defending". The three points elevates Gary Biss' side three places to sixth.

Hawkchurch appear to be staggering towards Division Two after dropping two more points after a 2-2 draw with lowly Shepton Beauchamp Reserves. The Hawks have won just three of their last eight matches and the free-scoring days of the early part of the season seem light years away. With manager Nigel Harding unavailable, brother Greg, normally Reserve team manager, took the reigns and was far from impressed, he said: "There were far too many of our player who felt they only had to turn up to win – we were lucky to get a even a point."

Tom Lowe put Shepton ahead before defender Dan Turner leveled on the half-hour. Will Apin restored the visitors' lead two minutes before the interval but Gavin Herrod salvaged a point ten minutes from time. Top man for the Hawks was Louis Azore, up from the Reserves, at centre-back.

Division Three	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hawkchurch.....	13	10	1	2	47	27	31
Misterton Res.....	13	7	2	4	34	30	23
Crewk Rangers.....	10	7	0	3	42	19	21
Fivehead United.....	11	6	2	3	23	20	20
Millwey Rise Res.....	12	5	0	7	27	32	15
Combe A.....	10	4	2	4	21	19	14
Lyme Bantams.....	10	5	0	5	29	22	12
Luso-Chard.....	9	4	0	5	33	28	12
Crewkerne Reserves.....	7	4	0	3	21	16	10
Shepton Reserves.....	12	3	1	8	25	41	10
Chard Rangers Res.....	13	1	0	12	14	62	3

## DIVISION FOUR

WINSHAM United Reserves extended their lead at the top of the table to six points with a 3-2 win over Combe B at Bakers Field.

Honours were shared in the first-half as the teams headed into the break all-square at 1-1.

But the hosts completed a league double and edged home with goals from Top-scorer Richard White, Ashley Doble and Paul Stuart.

Thorncombe Reserves ended a four game losing run in beating Charmouth Reserves 4-1 at Horseshoe Lane.

Antony Morris struck to pull the visitors back to 1-1 midway through the first-half but the Thorns had a hat-trick hero in veteran Paul Male who moved up to 11 for the season. Tony Bartlett chipped-in with the hosts



BUSY TIME: Adam Herring's heroics couldn't save Beaminster from a 4-0 defeat at South Petherton.



FLOODLIT DATE: Andy Loudon's Netherbury meet Ilminster Colts in Final on April 6th.



ROVING: Ex-Lyme Regis favourite Nobby Cossins has left Merriott for West & Middle Chinnock.

other goal.

Division Four	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winsham Utd Res.....	15	9	3	3	58	43	30
Farway United Res.....	11	7	3	1	41	17	24
Ilminster Town A.....	11	7	2	2	36	25	23
Waytown Hounds.....	11	7	0	4	45	26	21
Hinton Reserves.....	14	6	3	5	30	37	21
Chard United Res.....	11	6	2	3	34	24	20
Barrington Res.....	11	5	1	5	35	30	16
Combe B.....	16	5	1	10	51	51	16
Thorncombe Res.....	12	3	2	7	25	35	11
Hawkchurch Res.....	13	2	2	9	24	42	8
Charmouth Res.....	13	2	1	10	13	62	6

## LEAGUE NEWS

THE date has been set for the re-arranged Division One Cup Final. Ilminster Town Colts and Netherbury will meet under the floodlights at Chard Town's Zembard Lane on Tuesday, April 6th.

With a scheduled 10 weeks of the season remaining, League secretary Bob Brunt has outlined the increasingly worrying fixture backlog in the following figures:

**Premier Division:** 52 percent of league games have been completed. Seven teams have played just half of their games, South Petherton have the added complication of the Somerset Junior cup semi-final (and maybe final?).

**Division One:** 38 percent of league games have been completed. Two teams have played just half of their games, two teams have the added complication of the Somerset Intermediate cup quarter-finals (and maybe latter rounds?), there are still 18 Daisy Hutchings cup ties to be played.

**Division Two:** 50 percent of league games have been completed. Ten teams have played just half of their games.

**Division Three:** 50 percent of league games have been completed. Nine teams have played just half of their games.

**Division Four:** 58 percent of league games have been completed. All teams have played at least half of their games.

## FIXTURES

Saturday, February 27th

**Arthur Gage Cup Round 2**

Perry Street Res 2 Winsham United 1

## Premier Division

Misterton 1 Perry Street 2

South Petherton 4 Beaminster 0

## Division One

Netherbury 1 W & M Chinnock 2

## Division Two

Forton Rangers Res 4 Drimpton 2

## Division Three

Combe A 6 Millwey Rise Reserves 0

Hawkchurch 2 Shepton Beau Res 2

## Division Four

Thorncombe Res 4 Charmouth Res 1

Winsham United Res 3 Combe B 2

## FIXTURES

Saturday, March 6th

## Dorset Junior Cup

## Semi-final 2.30pm

Thorncombe v FC Windoman Res

## Challenge Cup Semi-finals 2pm

Merriott Rovers v Ilminster Reserves  
South Petherton v Lyme Regis

## Kenny Hodges Cup Semi-finals

2pm

Chard United Reserves v Ilminster A  
Winsham Utd Res v Farway Utd Res

All matches below kick off 2.30pm

## Premier Division

Barrington v Beaminster  
Combe Reserves v Misterton  
Crewkerne v White Horse  
Perry Street v Charmouth

## Division One

Farway United v Chard Rangers  
Forton Rangers v Pymore  
Ilminster Colts v Perry Street Reserves  
Lyme Regis Res v Winsham United  
W&M Chinnock v Netherbury

## Division Two

Beaminster Reserves v Norton Athletic  
Dowlish & Donyatt v Shepton Beau  
Driffton v South Petherton Reserves  
Hinton St George v Chard United  
Uplyme v Forton Rangers Reserves

## Division Three

Chard Rangers Res v Hawkchurch  
Combe A v Crewkerne Reserves  
Luso-Chard v Misterton  
Millwey Rise Res v Fivehead United  
Shepton Beau Res v Lyme Bantams

## Division Four

Charmouth Reserves v Combe B  
Hawkchurch Res v Barrington Res  
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	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Oh So Gorgeous.....	13	9	1	3	19	14
Bids & Babes.....	13	8	2	3	18	18
Smashers.....	12	9	0	3	18	8
Wootton Wobblers.....	13	8	0	5	16	12
Rollercoasters.....	13	7	0	6	14	12
Just Us.....	13	6	1	6	13	23
La Creme.....	13	6	1	6	13	6
Rock A Byes.....	13	6	0	7	12	15
Hot Gossips.....	13	6	0	7	12	11
Generations.....	13	4	1	8	9	14
Abandon Ship.....	13	5	0	8	8	12
Deano's Divas.....	12	4	0	8	8	11

Castaways.....12 3 0 9 6 8

**MENS DIVISION ONE:** Skippy's Six 347 Flyers 338 (S. Rowland 68), Rousdon Rebels 321 No Hoppers 315 (P. Rattenbury 63), Clueless 352 Roadrunners 371 (C. Lewis 74), Alleytwits 338 Cowboys 332 (S. Forsey 66), Anthill Mob 356 Marksman 341 (A. Aldworth 79).

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Cowboys.....	15	9	0	6	18	20
Roadrunners.....	15	9	0	6	18	18
No Hoppers.....	14	9	0	5	18	13
Rousdon Rebels.....	15	8	0	7	16	13
Skippy's Six.....	15	8	0	7	16	13
Anthill Mob.....	15	8	0	7	16	12
Flyers.....	15	7	0	8	14	18
Marksman.....	15	7	0	8	14	13
Clueless.....	14	5	0	9	10	11
Alleytwits.....	15	4	0	11	8	17

**MENS DIVISION TWO:** Presidents Men 358 Wootton Tornadoes 322 (P. Moffitt 65), Miscellaneous 387 Willy's Wanderers 345 (T. Smith 79), Young Guns 361 British Legion 331 (N. Ellis 77), Hot Rocks 350 Wreckers 351 (R. Beviss 64), Shakers 310 Trappers 327 (R. Love 65)...

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Wreckers.....	14	11	0	3	22	18
Wootton Tornadoes.....	14	11	0	3	22	13
Miscellaneous.....	14	9	1	4	19	20
Hot Rocks.....	13	9	0	4	18	17
Presidents Men.....	13	8	0	5	16	14
Sherberts.....	13	7	1	5	15	14
Young Guns.....	13	6	0	7	12	15
Trappers.....	14	5	1	8	11	14
British Legion.....	14	3	1	10	7	8
Shakers.....	12	2	0	10	4	11
Willy's Wanderers.....	14	1	0	13	2	2

LYME REGIS POOL  
Brotherhoods stun leaders

Results from Sunday, February 21st

Beer Trix Potters 4 Pot Nots 5  
Hunters Munters 7 Kelly's Muppets 2  
Brotherhoods 5 Old Cobbies 4  
Hat Tricks - Free week.

League table as at Monday, February 22nd.

	Pld	W	L	Pts	Beer
Old Cobbies.....	13	11	2	74	58
Pot Nots.....	14	9	5	66	39
Hunters Munters.....	13	7	6	62	43
Hat Tricks.....	11	6	5	62	40
Beer Tricks Potters.....	14	6	8	59	38
Kelly's Muppets.....	13	5	8	54	31
Brotherhoods.....	14	2	12	35	23



# BOB BUCKLER RACING SAWYER DILEMMA FOR HANDICAPPER

HANDICAPPER Stephen Hindle was left with a difficult decision after The Sawyer's brilliant run in finishing third to Monet's Garden in the Grade 1 Betfair Ascot Chase recently. Beaten just 3 ¼ lengths by the evergreen 12-year-old trained by Nicky Richards, Buckler claimed it was the best race of his 10-year-old's life, but it gave Hindle a huge problem on how to assess the situation.

An incredibly durable character, Monet's Garden has now won in all eight seasons he's been in training, but it was The Sawyer's performance against horses rated as much as 30lb higher than himself that caused the difficulty.

Hindle said: "Whilst Monet's Garden was clearly back to form in this 2m5f110y event, the race proved very problematic to rate as The Sawyer, rated 139 going in, finished only three and a quarter lengths behind the 165-rated winner.

"Monet's Garden was eased and, at 12 years of age, probably isn't improving. Having said that, with Albertas Run, who finished second, officially rated 163, there was a case to put up The Sawyer to a new BHA (British Horseracing Authority) rating as high as 160 - which was pretty difficult to believe about a 10-year-old already on a career-high mark.

"Very few races cause such a problem as to provoking me into seeking a second opinion, but I felt I had cause to call Head of Handicapping Phil Smith for his advice, only to find his line engaged. No more than a minute later, my phone rang and it was none other than Bob Buckler, asking what I was thinking of doing to his horse!

"We put our respective cases forward. Buckler pointed out that Oh Crick and Herecomesthetruth, fourth and fifth respectively, had both underperformed. That was a view I agreed with, but it still didn't solve the problem that the 139-rated The Sawyer had got within around three lengths of two horses rated in the 160s!

"At no point did I feel comfortable with going 160 on The Sawyer, but a rise of just a few pounds was simply not an option. I eventually decided to have Albertas Run, who hadn't been at his best in recent starts, running to 155, reproducing what he did in the Peterborough Chase a couple of outings earlier, and settled on a new rating of 148 for The Sawyer. This was a little higher than Mr Buckler wanted but at least leaves open the handicap option at Cheltenham."

Buckler said: "I guess it was a compromise that suits both parties. It would be a lot to ask at his age if he were rated much higher, and to be fair this is the handicapper's job to make races as even as possible. Under the

circumstances he shouldn't have got close according to the handicap, particularly as Nathan (Sweeney) was not claiming his 7lb, but that is what makes racing so interesting; the unexpected."

Despite his new handicap mark, next stop for The Sawyer is the £80,000 Byrne Group Plate on the Thursday of the Cheltenham Festival where Sweeney will once again be aboard.

## Sweeney's got the bit between his teeth!

NATHAN Sweeney was unsure what he wanted to do when he left school.

Brought up in Rathcormack in County Cork he owned a pony and went hunting, but unsure what to do so decided to study a business course in building construction to get some qualifications.

However an opportunity to work with trainer Adrian Maguire at his stable in Lombarstown, County Cork, turned his focus to racing.

During the 18 months that he worked for the former jump jockey who won over 1000 races in the UK, he gained his amateur license and rode a couple of point-to-point winners, before another jockey Gerry Supple recommended him to Bob Buckler.

He was invited to Buckler's Henley stables for a few days at the end of May last year before joining full-time in late July as the yard's conditional jockey.

His progression since then has been almost meteoric with Channel 4 Racing lavishing praise on his riding prowess during their coverage of Ascot and Cheltenham.

Whilst this has done the quiet, affable Sweeney no harm at all, Buckler has kept his feet firmly on the ground.

"He's hard working, polite and gets on with everybody in the yard which is great," said Buckler.

However he is keen not to see Sweeney go the way of many conditional jockeys who are often worked hard around the yard and given rides on the less gifted horses as a reward.

"He does the usual jobs around the yard but is very good at schooling some of the more difficult, young horses.

"I have made him no promises long term, but I am determined to give him every opportunity to make it, and therefore am trying to manage him to avoid some of the pitfalls.

"Many conditionals find themselves riding the less gifted horses which either finish down the field or maybe fall and the jockey loses confidence.

"My approach is to build his confidence by riding some of my better horses, something he has grasped with both hands and done very successfully."

Sweeney has ridden five winners for Buckler this season including one of the stable favourite's I Hear Thunder to an 8 length victory in his first ride at Fontwell in October.

He has also piloted The Sawyer to two victories in January as well finishing third behind Monet's Garden recently in the Grade 1 Betfair Ascot Chase. He has also claimed victory on Mizzurka and Ballygulleen as well as riding another stable favourite Double Dizzy into second place.

As a result he has lost 3lb of his 10lb original allowance and now rides with just a 7lb advantage.

"The rides have given him confidence, shown his ability and got him noticed, which are all pluses for both him and the stable."

His ability has alerted other trainers who are keen to ride their horses, but once again Buckler is cautious.

"Some just want to use his weight advantage to help a struggling horse, and once again that is not conducive to his education or indeed the horse," said Buckler who has only allowed him to ride for next door neighbour Simon Burroughs for whom Sweeney won on Lavenoak Lad last week.

"When he has around 15 winners it will be time to start allowing him to ride for other trainers assuming the horses are suitable. He drops to just 5lb allowance when he reaches 25 winners."

Sweeney said: "I am very grateful to the boss and the owners for allowing me to ride such good horses, they have all been very good to me. I didn't expect to be riding such good horses so soon, and it has certainly boosted my confidence.

"It's been a great experience riding horses like The Sawyer in a Grade 1 race and doing so well, and it's all good for my cv.

"Everyone around the yard has been fantastic, and on the racecourse all the jockeys, even the most senior have been very supportive and friendly."

You've heard it straight from the horses mouth - watch this young man!



◆ Nathan Sweeney

# Fish in short supply

## West Bay Sea Angling Club

FEBRUARY proved to be a poor month for fish as anglers found in the latest two competitions.

The forecast for last Thursday night's Burton Bradstock fish was heavy rain which deterred some members from going, but the 13 that did enjoyed warm, bright conditions.

However fish were scarce with most being caught from the right hand side of the beach where there is a reef that runs close to the shore.

Dave Chidzoy's 785g dogfish won the Heaviest fish as well as helping towards the overall winner with 1kg 820g including pout and rockling.

P J Wheeler's six rockling weighing 810g was

enough for second place with Chris Harwood third with 675g of rockling and pout. Steve Harwood picked up the Most Species class.

The Andy Neal Rover competition the previous Saturday attracted nineteen anglers who chose to fish rocky venues such as Eype, Charmouth & Seatown.

However P J Wheeler stayed close to home and fished the pier at West Bay, which proved a good move as he won the match with 900g of fish.

Keith Woods was second with J Bentley and Gareth Edwards sharing third.

Dave Cornick won Most species with two species of shore rockling and five bearded rockling, whilst Steve Harwood's 265g pout took the Heaviest fish.

## Swimming News and round-up

LOCAL swimmers formed part of the Chard & District Swimming Club squad that competed at the Somerset Age Group & Championships 2010 over the weekend of 20-21 February and what a successful weekend it was *writes Steph Hallam*.

A number of Swimmers obtained South West Region Qualifying times (SWRQT) and South West Region Consideration times (SWRCT) with many Club Records and Personal Bests being achieved. **Jake Hallam** and **Daniel Walker**, 13, excelled over the 2 days with 4 SWRQT's each. Hallam was 3rd in the 200m Butterfly (2:27.85) which was a 14 years and under club record and put him 7th in the 200m Male Butterfly Championship, receiving medals for both positions. He also swam in the 100m Breaststroke (1:18.32) receiving a 3rd place medal in the 14 years age group. He continued to shine in the 100m Backstroke (1:09.05) and in the final event of the weekend, the 400m Freestyle; he achieved (4:37.69) which was a new 14 years and under club record. Walker was also on top form with (1:18.58) in the 100m Breaststroke and (1:11.07) in the 100m Backstroke. He achieved a time of (2:37.32) in the 200m Backstroke but his best performance of the weekend came in the 400m Freestyle event where he won a 3rd place medal with a personal best time of (4:49.62).

**Abigail Dare**, 12, also enjoyed success with her first ever 100m Backstroke SWRQT of (1:14.32) which was an improvement on her existing 12 years and under club record. Dare was also on top of her game in the 100m Butterfly where she swam an impressive (1:17.65) and was rewarded with a new 12 years and under club record which she previously held.

Whilst **Tessa Down**, 12, put in a stunning performance in the 200m Breaststroke event with a SWRQT time of (2:58.99) which was faster than her previous 12 years and under club record and gave her a Silver medal for her efforts.

She also swam the 400m Freestyle in a time of (5:08.17) which was a new 12 yrs and under club record and received a Bronze medal in her age group.

**Jodie Hake**, 13, swam the 100m Backstroke in a time of (1:16.29) to earn a SWRQT. Whilst **Jamie Pullinger**, 11, achieved his SWRQT in the 200m Backstroke with a time of (2:48.61).

During the weekend 2 swimmers obtained South West Region Consideration times. **Tarina Francis**, 14, improved on her time (1:13.83) in the 100m Butterfly and **Rebecca Bennett**, 17, achieved hers in the 200m Breaststroke event with a time of (2:58.09).

**Hannah Pullinger**, 14, obtained the 14 years and under club record in 400m Freestyle in a time of 5:07.17 and **Jack Bradford**, 15, was rewarded with Gold in his age group and 8th place in the 200m Male Butterfly Championship for which he received a finalist medal.

In the (13/14 years) relay, both the girls and boys teams obtained podium finishes in all 4 events, taking Bronze Medal position every time. The 4 x 50m Medley and 4 x 50m Freestyle girls team consisted of **Jodie Hake**, **Hannah Pullinger**, **Tarina Francis** and **Madeline Ryder**.

The 4 x 50m Medley and 4 x 50m Freestyle boys team members were, **Luke van den Barselaar**, **Daniel Walker**, **Jake Hallam** and **Jamie Spiller**.

The (9 to 16 yrs) Junior Relay Teams were in fine form. The girls 4 x 50m Medley, **Beckie Rutherford**, **Tessa Down**, **Tarina Francis** and **Madeline Ryder** and the girls 4 x 50m Freestyle **Madeline Ryder**, **Catherine Ryder**, **Hannah Pullinger**, and **Beckie Rutherford** came 2nd in both events collecting Silver medals on the podium.

Whilst the boys continued their success in the 4 x 50m Medley with **Luke van den Barselaar**, **Daniel Walker**, **Jack Fish** and **James Rutherford**, winning Silver medals and in the 4 x 50m Freestyle boys **Jack Fish**, **James Rutherford**, **Luke van den Barselaar** and **Jake Hallam** came an impressive 4th.

# LYME REGIS CRIBBAGE LEAGUE Rocky ride for league leaders

with Clive Garner

Monday, February 22nd (Week 20)

HEADLINES this week must go to bottom side Rocky II who won 5-0 at Nags Head Lyme Regis knocking them off the top spot in the process.

**RESULTS:** Ship Inn Lyme Regis 2 Axminster Cons 3, Beer Club 4 Axe Vale Club 1, Nags Head Lyme Regis 0 Rocky II 5, Axe Valiants 4 Royal Flunkies 1, Stepps 2 Lamb Swans 3, New Inn Kilminster - No fixture.

**BEER LEAGUE:** Ship Inn Lyme Regis 2 Axminster Cons 1, Beer Club 2 Axe Vale Club 1, Nags Head Lyme Regis 2 Rocky II 1, Axe Valiants 2 Royal Flunkies 1, Stepps 3 Lamb Swans 0.

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Lamb Swans.....	18	11	7	52	38	52
Nags Head LR.....	19	11	8	52	43	52
Beer Club.....	18	11	7	51	39	51
Axe Valiants.....	17	12	5	50	35	50
Axminster Cons.....	17	12	5	50	35	50
Axe Vale Club.....	18	11	7	48	42	48
Ship Inn LR.....	19	10	9	47	48	47

Stepps.....	18	7	11	38	52	38
New Inn Kilminster..	18	6	12	38	52	38
Royal Flunkies.....	18	4	14	36	54	36
Rocky II.....	18	4	14	33	57	33

## BEER LEAGUE

Table	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ship Inn LR.....	19	15	4	37	20	37
New Inn Kilminster..	18	10	8	29	25	29
Royal Flunkies.....	18	10	8	29	25	29
Lamb Swans.....	18	9	9	28	26	28
Stepps.....	18	9	9	28	26	28
Beer Club.....	18	10	8	26	28	26
Axe Valiants.....	17	9	8	26	25	26
Axe Vale Club.....	18	7	11	25	29	25
Axminster Cons.....	17	8	9	24	27	24
Nags Head LR.....	19	7	12	24	33	24
Rocky II.....	18	5	13	20	34	20

◆ **Fixtures** for Monday, March 8th: Axminster Cons v Rocky II, Axe Vale Club v Royal Flunkies Charmouth, New Inn Kilminster v Lamb Swans, Beer Club v Axe Valiants, Nags Head Lyme Regis v Stepps, Ship Inn Lyme Regis - no fixture.

# West Dorset Table Tennis League

## SHIPTON A TITLE CHARGE GATHERS PACE

Colliton A 13

Shipton Gorge A 27

COLLITON'S cheerful but cramped conditions made life difficult for the stroke players, and Ray Harwood for the home side managed a 3-1 victory over Gil Roberts and made Richard Trim and Chris Glover fight for their 3-2 victories. Miranda Edwards picked up her first competitive victory over Roberts in a close 3-2 encounter and took 2 sets off Glover before being tied up by his high bouncing

returns and losing out in the fifth end.

All three Gorge players secured 3-0 wins over Eric Hornblow and Trim and Roberts finished off a good night with a 3-1 win in the doubles over Harwood and Edwards.

Shipton Gorge B 19

Springfield C 14

DESPITE having to control a rocket, Shipton Gorge saw off Springfield C to continue their assault on Division Two.

The rocket was in the form of octogenarian Steve Rocket who spoiled John Moseley's 100 per

cent with a 3-1 victory. Ron Tucknott showed his usual flair for the game securing a healthy nine maximum for the home side and dropping only one set. Richard Hill, playing only his second match of the season could not find his previous form and went down 0-3,0-3,0-3.

Only in the tea break did Shipton discover that the Rocket was an octogenarian and surely the best possible advert for the benefits of table tennis.

Even his vast experience could not pull Springfield back from a 13-16 deficit as Moseley and Tucknott won the doubles 3-1.

## sport nibs

**GOLF:** LYME REGIS LADIES - Nine Hole Stableford 25th February. There were 27 ladies playing on a reduced course because of the very wet conditions. Result: First Margaret Slater 18pts ocb, Second Jane Southcombe 18pts, Third Julia Collins 17pts.

**SHORT-MAT BOWLS:** East Devon League (afternoon Di-

Table	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Awliscombe B.....	9	5	3	1	224	13
LYME REGIS.....	10	6	0	4	98	12
Colyton.....	9	5	1	3	182	11
Woodbury.....	10	5	1	4	-55	11
Musbury.....	10	3	4	3	-57	10
Combe St Nicholas.....	10	3	2	5	-124	8
Sidford.....	10	2	3	5	-124	7
Seaton Cliff C.....	10	2	2	6	-144	6



# FRAGILE WEYMOUTH SUNK AGAIN

## But Ryan's rocket bags point for Magpies

### BROMLEY 4 WEYMOUTH 0 Blue Square South - Attendance: 549

DESPITE playing a sweeper system Weymouth's fragile defence continued to leak goals as they crashed to another defeat that makes the Terras chances of avoiding relegation that bit harder.

Now eleven points from safety and with games slipping away, the Terras looked a poor outfit against a side who had not won for eight games.

Hayes Lane was only declared fit an hour before kick-off and soon cut up making control and distribution difficult for both sides, and Weymouth got off to the worst possible start, conceding a penalty in just the fourth minute when Jamie McGuinness brought down Ashley Carew as he cut along the left bye line. The Bromley striker got up to despatch the spot-kick beyond Tim Sandercombe's outstretch left hand.

The Terras fell further behind when they failed to clear Carew's corner and when Ryan Hall dinked the ball into the middle of the goal and unmarked Rob Gillman was on hand to turn the ball past the unprotected Sandercombe from eight-yards.

Weymouth did manage a couple of efforts; Stephen Reed shooting wide before Luke Benbow's acrobatic attempted volley missed the target.

Simon Radcliffe then had a couple of chances; firstly firing straight at Gareth Williams before firing over the top after Hall had cleared Reed's inswinging corner off the line.

Weymouth then felt aggrieved that the referee waved play on instead of awarding a red card when Benbow appeared to have been brought down by Jerome Sobers as he burst through the home defence five minutes from the break.

Bromley continued to dictate after the break, and substitute Luke L'Anson went close when he powered forward before firing in from the edge of the box only for Sandercombe to tip the ball wide at full stretch. The Terras gloveman then saved from Warren McBean before the defence was laid bare again with a third goal on 64 minutes.

L'Anson shook off the attention of Nathan Walker before laying a measured pass into the path of Richard Butler who had time to set the ball up on his favoured right foot before beating the advancing Sandercombe.

They completed the scoring 20 minutes from the end when Carew's beautifully flighted ball out of the home defence set McBean clear of the Terras back line and although Sandercombe drove him wide he was able to tuck the ball back through the keeper's legs from a narrow angle.

Matt Groves might have grabbed a late consolation but he delayed his shot when Reed's drive was blocked and Williams saved at his feet.

Weymouth now face two tricky home matches having been scheduled to host sixth placed Staines Town last night (Tuesday) before the visit to the View From Stadium by runaway league leaders Newport County on Saturday.

### DORCHESTER TOWN 1 WOKING 1 Blue Square South - Attendance: 536

RYAN Hill drove home a deserved equaliser two minutes from the end after it looked as if Woking had



◆ **WALES CALL-UP:**  
Kyle Critchell

pinched all three points with a goal just five minutes earlier.

The Cards had taken the lead when Nathaniel Pinney when sub Moses Ademola's through ball split the Dorchester defence allowing Pinney to run on and beat keeper Regan Coward with a low shot across the keeper and just inside the far post.

Up until then it looked like the sides had cancelled each other, but with the visitors having snatched the lead, Dorchester pushed forward and were rewarded when skipper Jon Boardman was penalised for pushing Groves as they challenged for Coward's long kick 30-yards from goal.

Hill, who has a terrific shot lined himself up and beat keeper Ross Worner with a fierce low shot into the bottom left hand corner of the net.

Hill had been drafted into the side due to Gary Bowles illness, and certainly justified his place not only with a trademark free-kick but also a solid performance, whilst Warren Byerley partnered Groves up front in place of the injured Jules Emati-Emati.

Despite Woking's high position they came into the match on a run of four defeats whilst the Magpies had only lost one of their previous eight.

Pinney showed his strength early on when he collected a ball 30 yards, turned and ran ten yards before delivering a left foot shot that went wide of Coward's right hand post.

However Dorchester responded and Worner did well to parry Mark Jermyn's 20-yard volley after Matt Groves had headed the ball back to him.

Moments later Steve Devlin's 25-yard drive after the ball was cleared to him from a corner whistled past Worner's right hand post.

They had another chance when Byerley's cross was headed into the danger area by Jermyn but Groves couldn't control it and hooked his shot wide.

Sam Sloma looked to have a great opportunity to put the Cards ahead ten minutes before the break after Pinney's cross had looped into the air, but Ryan Hill blocked his volley.

Coward was then forced to palm away Sloma's looping header under pressure, before the keeper was a touch fortunate when Pinney charged down his kicked clearance that went behind for a corner.

Woking started the second half better and Delano missed a great chance from six yards, just failing to reach Sloma's cross after he jinked into the box, before Coward saved low at his near post from Pinney.

Dorchester should have taken the lead on 71 minutes when Jermyn cleverly flicked the ball past Boardman before being thwarted by the onrushing Worner.

The ball ran across the face of the goal but Groves wanted an extra touch allowing Mark Ricketts to get in a fantastic last ditch tackle.

Current table	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newport County .....	31	23	7	1	67	15	76
Chelmsford City .....	32	16	7	9	43	35	55
Bath City .....	31	14	10	7	51	35	52
Braintree Town .....	30	13	12	5	40	30	51
Thurrock .....	29	14	8	7	53	38	50
Staines Town .....	31	13	11	7	47	32	50
Eastleigh .....	31	14	7	10	59	46	49
Dover .....	30	14	7	9	49	38	49
Bromley .....	32	13	7	12	49	45	46
Woking .....	30	13	7	10	35	33	46
Welling United .....	31	12	8	11	44	39	44
Havant & Waterlooville .....	29	11	11	7	36	34	44
Basingstoke .....	31	12	6	13	40	45	42
St Albans .....	31	12	6	13	36	42	42
Bishop's Cleeve .....	32	10	7	15	38	47	37
<b>DORCHESTER TOWN</b> .....	<b>32</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>36</b>
Maindenhead United .....	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>
Worcester City .....	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>29</b>
Hampton & Richmond .....	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>29</b>
Lewes .....	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>24</b>
Weston-super-Mare .....	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>WEYMOUTH</b> .....	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>18</b>

#### Dorchester Town FC

#### Kyle gets Welsh call-up

KYLE Critchell has been called up for the Wales semi-professional squad to play Portugal in Fatima today (Wednesday).

Although the 23-year-old was born in Dorchester he represented Wales at Under-17 and Under-21 level winning a total of eight caps whilst a full time professional, and made his debut for the semi-professional Welsh team against England C in February



◆ **NESTLING:** Magpies' skipper Kevin Hill's free-kick finds the corner of the Woking net much to the delight of Matt Groves (10) and Steve Devlin (11).

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Despite Dorchester Town having had a match at Blue Square South match at St Albans last night (Tuesday) the club readily agreed to release Kyle so he could play for his country, and following the home match against Woking on Saturday he left to join his fellow Welsh team-mates.

The squad flew to Portugal on Monday for the International Challenge Trophy at the Municipal Stadium in Fatima where they will face Sporting Lisbon's Yannick Djalo, who scored against Porto on Sunday and Bolton's Ricardo Vaz Te who has made 58 first team appearances.

Having missed out through injury after being selected for the team last November when at Weymouth, Critchell is delighted to be back in the squad.

"The club and Ash have been great in allowing me to play, and although I am disappointed in missing last night's game, it is a great honour to be able to represent your country."

Manager Ashley Vickers said: "All credit to Kyle. It's a great honour to play for your country and we wish him all the best. I played a couple of times for the England team and it really is a massive achievement. It's great recognition for Kyle and for the club, and although we will miss him against St Albans it's a

great opportunity for him."

## Greavsie at The Avenue

THE LEGENDARY Jimmy Greaves, acknowledged by many as the greatest goalscorer of all time will be the guest speaker at Dorchester Town's next Sportsman's Dinner on Thursday April 1st.

Greaves scored on his debut for every club he played for including England for whom he played 57 times was best known for his careers at Chelsea and Tottenham.

He missed out on a World Cup Winners medal in 1966 when having been injured against France in the quarter-final, he was replaced by Geoff Hurst who scored the winner in the semi-final victory over Argentina. Manager Alf Ramsay decided not to recall Greaves for the final in which Hurst scored a hat trick.

After he retired he made a career in television hosting a popular Saturday lunchtime football show called Saint and Greavsie with Liverpool legend Ian St John.

Tickets for the night which takes place in the Prince's Marquee includes a champagne reception, a three course dinner and a comedian cost £50 per ticket.

To book your tickets, which are going like hot cakes, or for more information call the club office on 01305 262451.



## BEAMINSTER LADIES HOCKEY

### Good point for Beaminster

**BOURNEMOUTH 3rd 1 BEAMINSTER 1**  
BEAMINSTER earned a point at Chapel Gate against second placed Bournemouth 3rd's with a battling performance despite not being at their best.

The draw following on last week's last gasp win against Bournemouth's fourth side will add to the team's confidence after a shaky period after the New Year.

Beaminster started the better and had a lot of possession. With their midfield in control they supplied strikers Megan Tuck and Lucy Timbrell with enough opportunities to have taken the lead before Tuck put them ahead midway through the first half. Receiving a pass from Emma Davies wide on the D she neatly converted with a reverse stick shot.

After the break Bournemouth upped their game and put the Beaminster defence under a lot of pressure, and they finally equalised with a rather scrappy goal following a goalmouth melee.

Beaminster did conjure up a couple more goalscoring opportunities after this but on balance a draw was a fair result.

This Saturday they host Yeovil 2nds who are third. A win will put them within a point of the Somerset side.



## WEST DORSET SPORT ROUND-UP

WITH STUART BROOM

Full calendar of events  
for Sailing Academy

THE WEYMOUTH and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) has published their full event calendar for the 2010 UK sailing year which includes a diverse range of local, national and international regattas that appeal to a full cross section of youths through to seasoned sailors.

The WPNSA is the 2010 host venue for the RYA Volvo Youth Nationals, Farr 45 Yacht Racing National Championships, Laser Combined Sailing Championships, Wayfarer International Cup, Optimist Nationals, Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta and the Dart World Championships.

John Tweed, Chief Executive of the WPNSA is confident with the start to 2010.

"We are currently shortlisted for the 2010 Sport Industry Award 'Sport Venue of the Year' alongside

some of the UK's biggest sport venue names; Twickenham and Wembley Stadiums as well as the O2 and the Brit Oval.

"The 2010 event diary is set to be another outstanding year of activity and really crosses the sailing fraternity spectrum from young Optimist sailor's right through to the experienced Farr 45 yacht racers. With just under 2 1/2 years to go to the Olympic Games it is excellent to see so many international sailors making use of the modern facilities here."

Due to the increasing popularity of the Games sailing venue, the WPNSA has requested that class associations and event organisers consider booking early for their 2013 - 2015 regattas so as to avoid disappointment. Please contact [chris.knight@wpnsa.org.uk](mailto:chris.knight@wpnsa.org.uk) for further information.

YEOVIL & DISTRICT  
TENNIS LEAGUE

## Beaminster lead the way

DIV 1	Pld	Pts	DIV 3	Pld	Pts
Martock A.....	10	81	South Petherton.....	10	89
Melcombe Regis.....	10	68	Ilminster.....	11	73
Chard A.....	13	60	Chard C.....	12	58
Somerton A.....	12	59	Wincanton A.....	9	57
Sherborne A.....	10	58	Yeovil B.....	11	35
Yeovil A.....	11	44	Bridport B.....	10	35
North Cadbury.....	9	34	Martock C.....	11	23
Martock B.....	11	26			

DIV 2	Pld	Pts	DIV 4	Pld	Pts
Sherborne B.....	9	78	Martock A.....	10	81
Weymouth A.....	9	54	Beaminster A.....	12	108
Charmouth A.....	7	52	Somerton C.....	12	71
Chard B.....	7	22	Yeovil C.....	13	70
Somerton B.....	8	17	Sutton Montis.....	11	58
Misterton A.....	8	17	Weymouth B.....	11	45
			Misterton B.....	11	36
			Beaminster B.....	12	31
			Wincanton B.....	8	31

BRIDPORT SKITTLES  
Cup draws update

CUP fixtures for week  
beginning Monday,  
March 8th:

**Mens Individual  
Second Round  
Tuesday, March 9th -  
Loders Arms**

C. Dare; M. Powell; B. Robinson; M. Willcox; J. Sellick; J. Smith; L. Dare; C. Willcox; H. Mills; R. Paulley; D. Cooper; R. Frampton; A. Paulley; A. Cauldwell; R. Pincombe; G. Brooks.

**Ladies Individual  
Nomination - 1st  
Round**

**Wednesday March  
10th - Bradpole Club**  
G. Legg; J. Malcolm; K. Ford; A. Wiscombe; J. Doble; C. Huxter; M. Hansford; J. Brooks; M. Paulley; C. Lambert; J. Symes; E. Hooper; V. Burt; H. Doble; S. Newman; V. Cozens; S. Luter

## BRIDPORT SQUASH CLUB

## Promotion still on the cards

BRIDPORT 2nd 20  
WEYMOUTH 4th 6

THIS emphatic victory over a useful Weymouth side kept Bridport's faint hopes of promotion alive (writes Roger Lewis).

The aim is to get all the newcomers to Bridport 2nd's playing a higher standard of squash to support the first team when they are required to step up and promotion will help to this end.

Chris Glover playing at one was matched against the tricky and experienced Ricky Stehr. Glovers using his boast shot to great advantage prevented Stehr getting into the game, and the pressure eventually proved too much as Glover powered to victory 9-5, 9-0, 9-3.

Tony Cooke promoted to num-

ber two maintained his unbeaten record in his game against Weymouth's Brian Stalker, and demonstrated what a great asset he is to the club with a solid performance. Although he dropped a tie it was always going to be his game and he powered through 9-5, 3-9, 9-1, 9-7.

Bridport's No 3 Robert Muir looked in good form against Darren Andrew's as his tenacity and steel was too much for the Weymouth player.

When Muir gets into his game he has the knack of forcing his opponent to all corners of the court which was the case, and he had to concede, giving Muir a very good 9-2, 2-9, 9-5, 10-8 victory.

Steve Hodder improves with every game and this was the case

against Weymouth's No 4 Dan Rudd.

The Bridport player proved himself to be a competent performer; starting cautiously but then gradually dictating the course of the play.

His ability to play the straight forward drive when it mattered gave him the edge and this was the deciding factor as he went on to record an excellent 9-5, 4-9, 0-9, 9-5, 9-6 win.

The last game proved to be a very competitive affair with Bridport's Paul Cross facing an experienced opponent in Les Gardner. The game ebbed and flowed throughout and it was Cross' whole hearted performance and never say die attitude that eventually saw him triumph 9-3, 8-10, 9-1, 6-9, 9-2.

## LYME REGIS DARTS LEAGUE - FINAL TABLES

## Nags dethrone Rousdon Club

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nags Head A.....	14	14	0	0	95	17	28
Rousdon Club.....	14	11	1	2	87	25	23
George A.....	14	7	2	5	60	52	16
Rockpoint A.....	14	5	2	7	48	64	12
Lamb A.....	14	4	4	6	48	64	12
Lamb B.....	14	5	2	7	44	68	12
Nags Z.....	14	3	1	10	43	69	7
Nags Head B.....	14	1	0	13	23	89	2

Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rubber Johns.....	10	8	0	2	59	21	16
Royal Standard.....	10	6	2	2	50	30	14
Talbot Arms A.....	10	6	1	3	52	28	13
Young Guns +1.....	10	4	2	4	44	36	10

Royal Oak.....	10	1	2	7	20	60	4
George B.....	10	1	1	8	15	65	3

## Stat Leaders

**Division One:** 180s - Darren Herbert (Rousdon Club) 7, Terry Prowse (Nags Head A) 6, Matt Brotherton (George A) and Tony Young (Rousdon Club) both 5. Most Wins - Darren Herbert and Terry Prowse (both 13).

**Division Two:** 180s - Nibel Bell (Rubber Johns), Derek Ford (Royal Oak) and Steve Gardner (Talbot Arms) all 1.

**Most Wins:** John Hamon (Rubber Johns) and Luke Street (Young Guns +1) both 9.

**Highest shot-out:** Ben Grainger (Nags Head A) 154.

## RUGBY ROUND-UP

with KEITH JENKIN

## FIRST HALF SEALS WIN AT WINDY WEYMOUTH

ALL in all Saturday was a pretty ordinary day for local clubs for, although Weymouth won with a bit to spare for the second week running against Warminster.

Bridport's home game against Salisbury seconds was conceded by the latter as late as Saturday morning (and via an e mail message, I am given to understand).

The Bridport second side too received a walk-over when hosts Wheatheaf Cabin Crew withdrew. Dorchester were without a game at first team level and I, for my part, was bitten by a police horse as I entered Twickenham!

WEYMOUTH 20pts  
WARMINSTER Nil

THERE was a stiff breeze blowing down the Weymouth ground at the start of this Dorset & Wilts League Division One fixture, and the hosts had it at their backs throughout the first period.

In fact, they certainly made it count, opening up a winning lead before the halfway stage.

They scored early on, an unconverted try by number eight Richard Polly who

picked up at the base of a scrum inside the visitors' twenty two, and got over, with the game only three minutes old.

Out half Peplow missed the conversion kick but he made ample amends a few minutes later by kicking a penalty from out wide, awarded after winger Quick had been illegally tackled, or rather pushed, into touch.

The home side continued in a similar vein in the short term and, a couple of minutes later, Quick got over, after a good break by Comben had been carried on by Hoxey. This try, unconverted though it was, put Weymouth in control, although half time was approaching before their next score came.

They had been putting the Warminster line under pressure for some minutes before the gap appeared for winger Calbraith and he gratefully accepted the opening and scuttled in close to the posts.

Conditions were not ideal for kicking from ground, but Peplow duly added the extras to this touchdown to give his side a handy 20-0 lead at the halfway stage.

Territorially speaking, the game was closer in the second-half, with both sides having chances to score. Neither could break the shackles however and Wey-

mouth held on with some comfort to run out deserved winners in the end.

NORTH DORSET 3rd 8pts  
DORCHESTER 2nd 19pts

THE Dorchester second side would have valued this win, coming as it did, away from home and by a couple of scores.

## PREVIEW

ON the face of it, the results of Saturday's games that involve local clubs are fairly easy to predict; and that worries me just a little for a start!

DORCHESTER, having a good season though they are, entertain league leaders FROME and I cannot really see them winning this one, for their opponents can see the finishing line looming and a promotion place waiting in the wings.

Having said that though, I seem to remember that Dorchester lost the earlier fixture by just a couple of scores (23-10 if memory serves), and that margin is certainly overturnable with home advantage.

I just think that Dorchester concede rather too many tries at the moment and more than they should if they are to win these close games.

BRIDPORT sitting ten points clear of the chasing pack in the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South) travel to take on one of them in SWANAGE & Wareham 2nd.

I do recall them beating these opponents at the Brewery Field by ten points or so earlier in the season; nevertheless the home side will certainly be looking to make home advantage count. I do not think they will be able to do so for, although Bridport have been a little less than consistent as regards cohesion in the last few weeks, their individual skills level remain higher than most in the division.

WEYMOUTH have a home game against WESTBURY, a side whom they beat quite conclusively earlier on. These opponents have a rather large and lumpy pack of forwards but I think Weymouth will match them in that department and win enough quality possession to enable their back division to prosper.

As to the second sides, Dorchester seconds will really not know just what to expect when they travel to Wheatheaf Cabin Crew, while Weymouth seconds will have their hands full at North Dorset fourths.

Bridport seconds have endured a bit of a slide in recent times and have not played too much rugby lately, for one reason or another.

They did come out on top, albeit narrowly, in a high scoring nail biter at Bournemouth thirds earlier in the season. If they are at their best then they will likely do so again. If not, another "L" will go down in the results column.

## FIXTURES

6th March - Bridport v Swanage & Wareham 2nd (away); Bridport 2nd v Bournemouth 3rd (home); Chard v St Bernadettes Old Boys (home); Chard 2nd v Martock (away); Chard 3rd v Chew Valley 2nd (away); Chard Colts v Burnham on Sea Colts (home); Crewkerne v Minehead Barbarians 2nd (away); Dorchester v Frome (home); Dorchester 2nd v Wheatheaf Cabin Crew (away); Honiton v Plymouth Barbarians (home); Honiton 2nd v OPM 2nd (away); Honiton Colts v Torrington Colts (home); Sidmouth v Avonmouth Old Boys (home); Sidmouth 2nd v Exmouth 2nd (away); Sidmouth 3rd v Barnstaple 3rd (home); Sidmouth Colts v Barnstaple Colts (away); Weymouth v Westbury (home); Weymouth 2nd v North Dorset 4th (away).



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## INSIDE: Comprehensive local sports news round-up

# VICKERS SATISFIED WITH A POINT

MAGPIES boss Ashley Vickers was happy in the end to settle for a draw after Saturday's 1-1 draw with Woking.

"Whilst it would have been nice to take all three, I think on the balance of the game a draw was a fair result. We had the better of the first half and perhaps should have been a goal up at the break, and they shaded the second.

"I was a bit upset when they took the lead so close to the end but we showed spirit as a team and Ryan Hill's equaliser was not only a terrific strike but also well earned."

The draw stretched the Magpies run to one defeat in nine games, something Vickers hopes his side could make ten following last night's match at St Albans.

"I think it would have been harsh if we had not taken at least a point from the game.

Considering Woking are a full time out-

fit I thought we matched them for fitness, and although they have been through an indifferent spell they are a very useful side.

"The lads didn't sit back at halftime and we matched them which is testament to the players and the work they have put in. Even after the goal they were keen to bounce back and thoroughly deserved the equaliser."

Vickers was full of praise for Ryan Hill who was drafted into the side when Gary Bowles went down with flu.

"It has been very difficult for Ryan. Gary has been playing so well he has had to be patient and bide his time, but he has taken his opportunity magnificently. He has showed great spirit and had an excellent game, and his goal was a bonus. He is so good with his free kicks they are an asset to the club, and he's become a very good defender as well and deserves

**BY STUART BROOM**

praise."

The team came through the match relatively unscathed with only Mark Jermyn an injury doubt for last night's match with a sore toe.

However with Kyle Critchell on international duty, Vickers will be hoping that both Jermyn and Bowles would have recovered.

Vickers was also hoping that Ryan Moss had recovered from his bout of illness that relegated him to the subs bench on Saturday.

Looking forward to next season the club are in the process of offering contracts to a lot of the players, and Vickers continues to help structure the side for the future despite being unsure of his role.

Two of the players, Critchell and Moss

have both held off signing new contracts until a decision has been made on the new manager. They are both behind Vickers continuing in the role, and like a lot of the players have publicly spoken out in support of him.

Vickers is of course aware of the situation but won't be drawn on the subject.

"I am happy to continue in whatever role I am asked by the chairman, and at the moment I am the manager.

Part of that job is to renew contracts for next season and look at possible new players we would like to bring into the club.

Until I am told differently I will continue to do that to the best of my ability"

There is no doubt that Vickers has brought stability to the club and that his character and methods have earned him loyalty and full support from the players.

Shaun Hennessy has said that he will

make a decision soon and there appears to be only one answer.



◆ Ashley Vickers



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